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POKÉMON SPECIAL OBJECT

The Pokédex holders and their stories

Kanto region

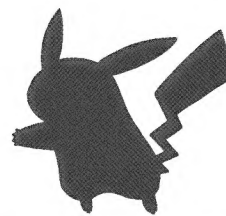


1st Chapter

Red, a young boy from Pallet Town, receives a Pokédex from Professor Oak and heads out on a Pokémon training journey. Along the way, he meets two other Trainers—Blue, who becomes his rival, and Green. Red fights evil Team Rocket with his new friends and then becomes Champion of the Pokémon League.

2nd Chapter

Two years later, Red suddenly disappears, and Yellow, a mysterious new Trainer, appears at Professor Oak's laboratory in search of him.



Johto region



3rd Chapter

Standing in Yellow's way is the Kanto Elite Four, led by Lance. In a major battle at Cerise Island, Yellow manages to stymie the group's evil ambitions.

A year later, Gold, a boy living in New Bark Town in a house full of Pokémon, sets out on a journey in pursuit of Silver,

a Trainer who stole a Totodile from Professor Elm's laboratory. The two don't get along at first, but eventually they become partners fighting side by side. During their journey, they meet Crystal, the Trainer whom Professor Elm entrusts with the completion of his Pokédex. Together, the trio succeed in shattering the evil scheme of the Mask of Ice, a villain who leads what remains of Team Rocket.

4th Chapter

Pokémon Trainer Ruby has a passion for Pokémon Contests. He runs away from home right after his family moves to Littleroot Town. He meets a wild girl named Sapphire, and they pledge to compete with each other in an 80-day challenge to...



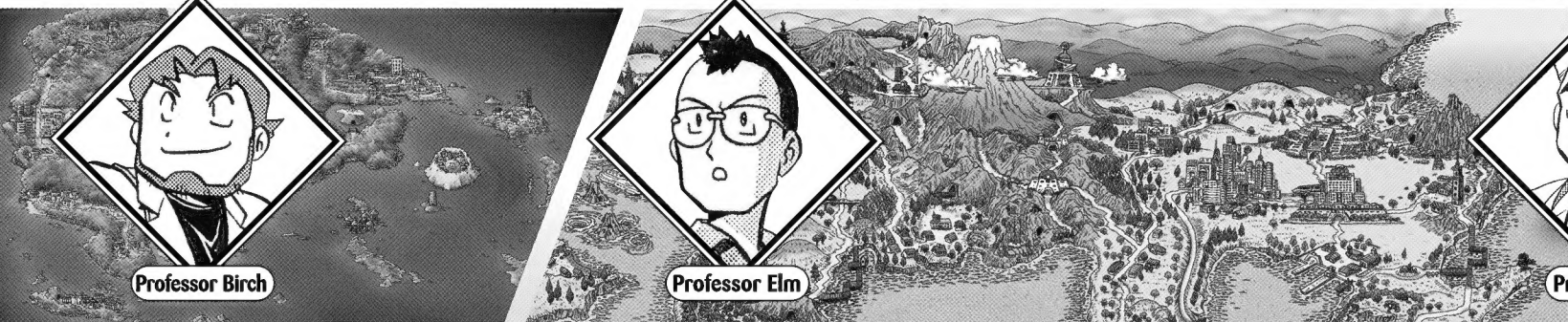
Professor Birch



Professor Elm



Professor Oak



SPECIAL OBJECT

Kanto region

Red

Green

Blue

Sapphire

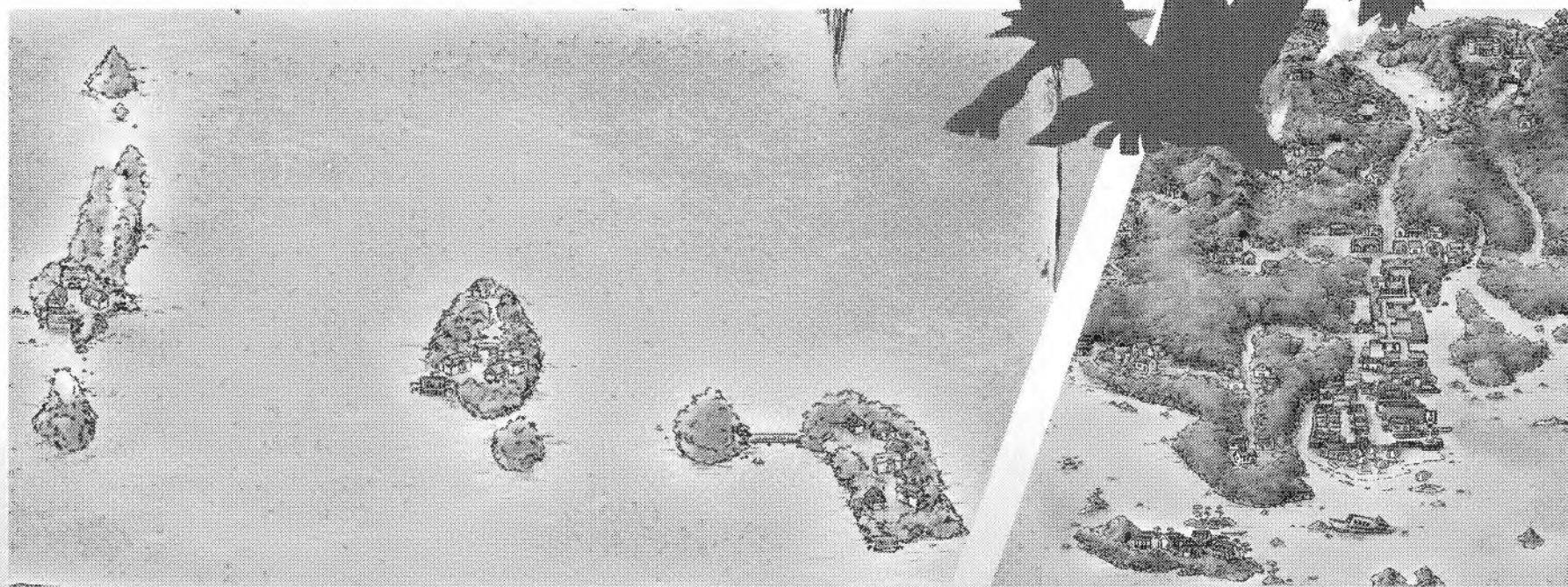
Ruby

Six months later, a new adventure unfolds for Red and his friends on the Sevii Islands. After a deadly battle, Red manages to defeat Deoxys, who has fallen into the hands of Giovanni. Silver, in search of his true identity, is faced with the shocking truth that Giovanni is his father. Red and his friends manage to safely land the Team Rocket airship, which was flying out of control thanks to Carr, one of the Three Beasts, who betrayed Team Rocket. But then another of the Three Beasts, Sird, appears, and in a mysterious flash of light the five Pokédex holders—Red, Blue, Green, Yellow and Silver—are petrified. Literally!

5th Chapter

...win every Pokémon Contest and every Pokémon Gym Battle, respectively. Meanwhile, in the Hoenn region, Team Aqua and Team Magma set their evil plot in motion. As a result, Legendary Pokémon

Groudon and Kyogre are awakened and inflict catastrophic climate changes on Hoenn. In the end, thanks to Ruby and Sapphire's heroic efforts, the two legendary Pokémon go back into hibernation.





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POKÉMON

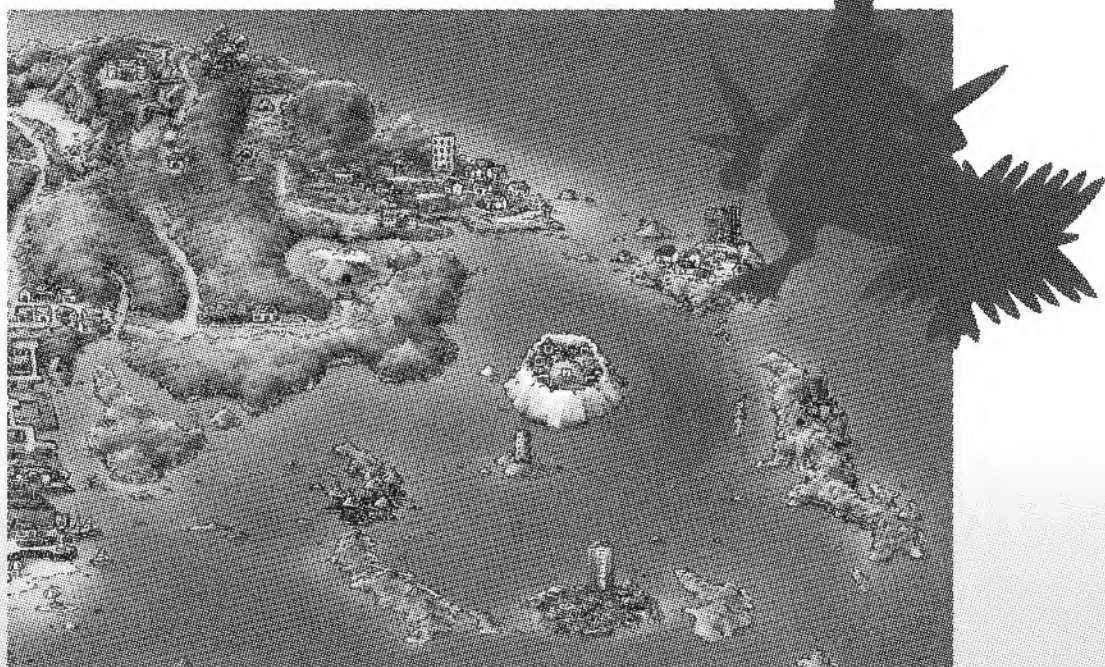


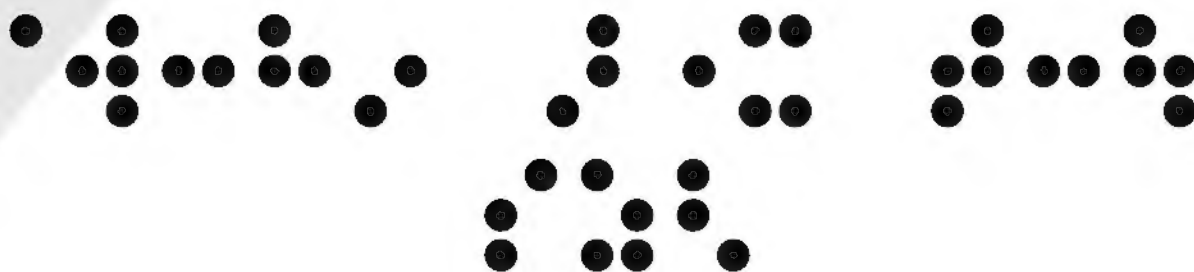
Hoenn region

6th Chapter

A few months later, construction is completed on a thrilling new Pokémon Battle facility, the Battle Frontier, located in the Hoenn region. A young Trainer named Emerald crashes the press opening for the media to challenge the facility's Frontier Brains. Now he has just seven days to defeat them all!

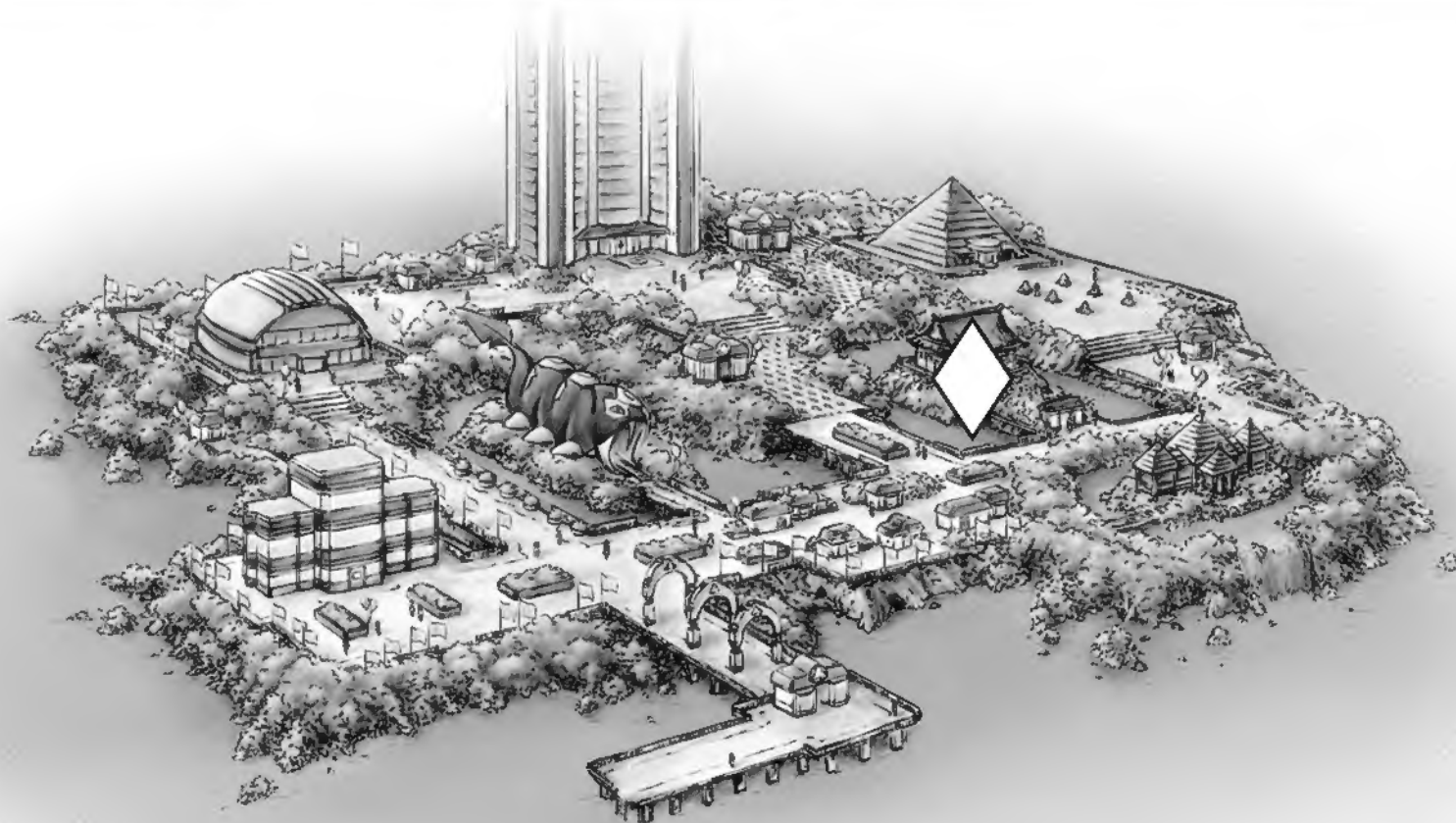
Thus far, Emerald has won his battles against Factory Head Noland, Lucy and Brandon. His other mission is to capture and protect Jirachi, the Wish Pokémon, who awakens every thousand years for seven days and can grant any wish. Now the battle to prevent mysterious armor-clad Guile from getting his hands on Jirachi first continues...!

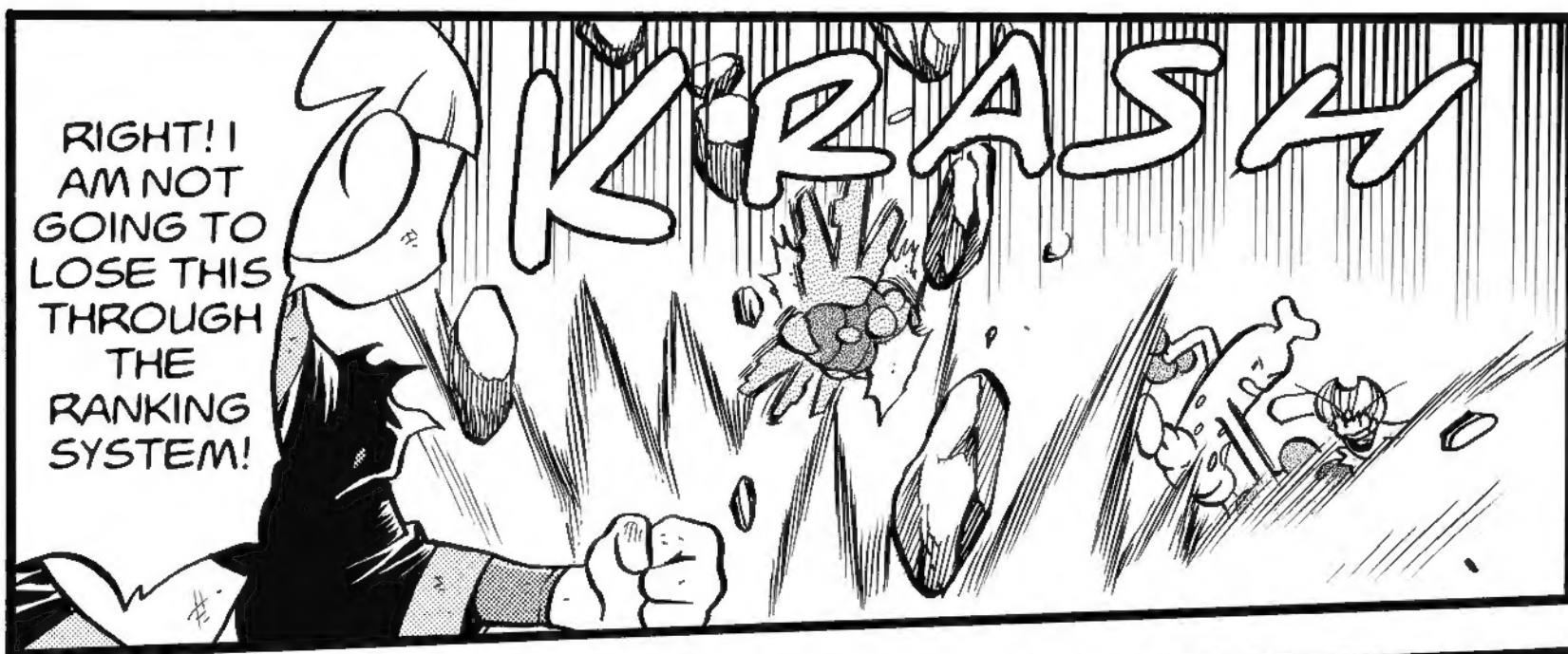




Sneaky Like Shedinja

II





RIGHT! I
AM NOT
GOING TO
LOSE THIS
THROUGH
THE
RANKING
SYSTEM!



THIS WILL
BE A ONE-
ON-ONE
FULL-ON
BATTLE!



LOOK,
EMER-
ALD!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
TALK-
ING
ABOUT
?!
...



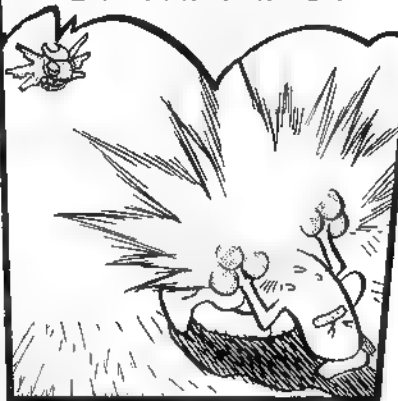
SUDO-
WOODO
IS STILL
STAND-
ING!

I...
LOST...

SCEPTILE AND
DUSCLOPS BOTH
FOUGHT FOR YOU
BEFORE TOO! THEY
PROTECTED YOU
WITH EVERYTHING
THEY HAD!



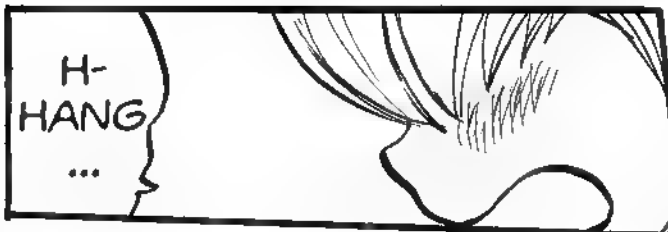
KEEP FIGHTING
FOR THREE
TURNS AND YOUR
BATTLE WILL BE
RATED! YOU STILL
HAVE A CHANCE
OF WINNING!



SUDOWOODO IS
WORKING REALLY
HARD FOR YOU!
HOW CAN YOU GIVE
UP SO EASILY?!



H-
HANG
...



...



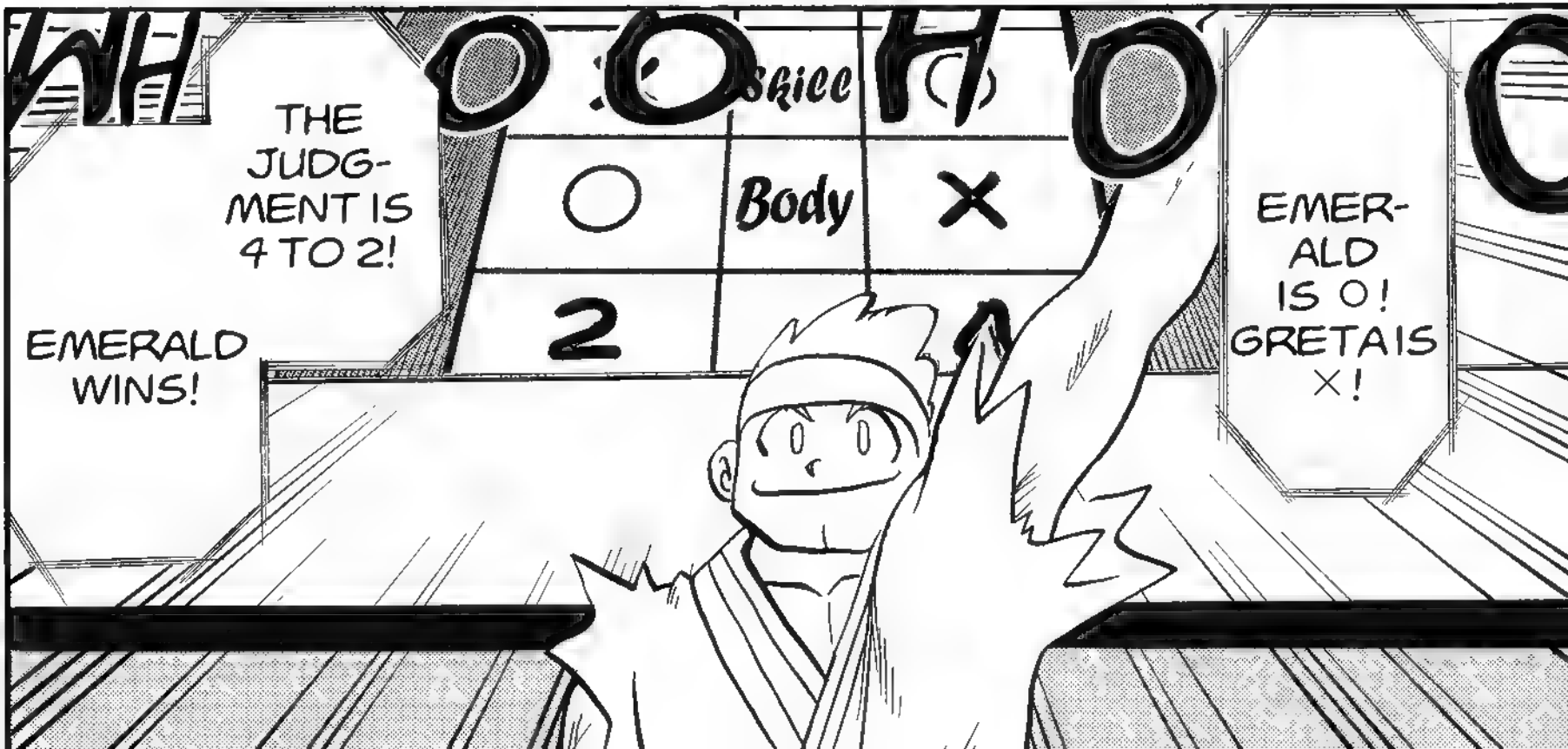
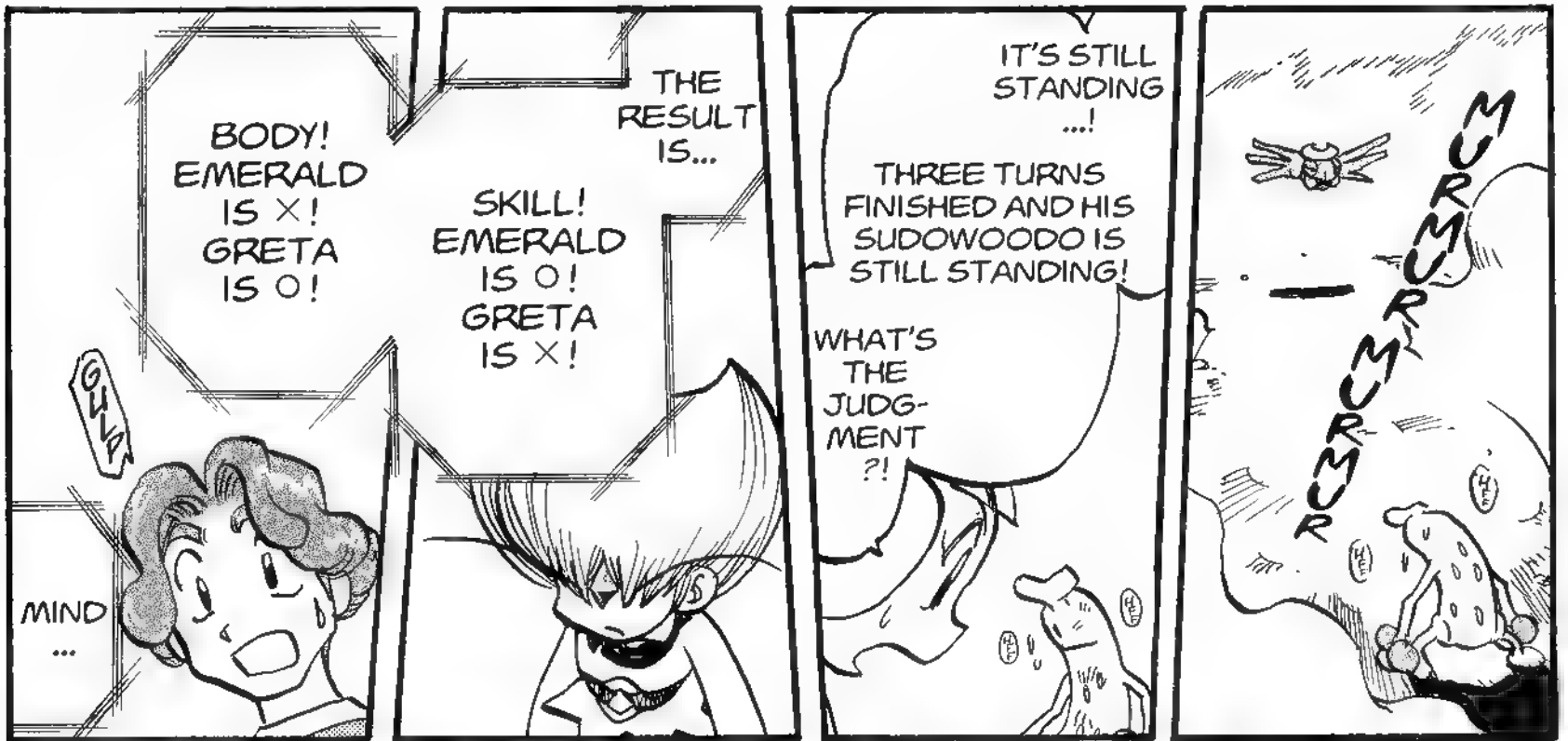
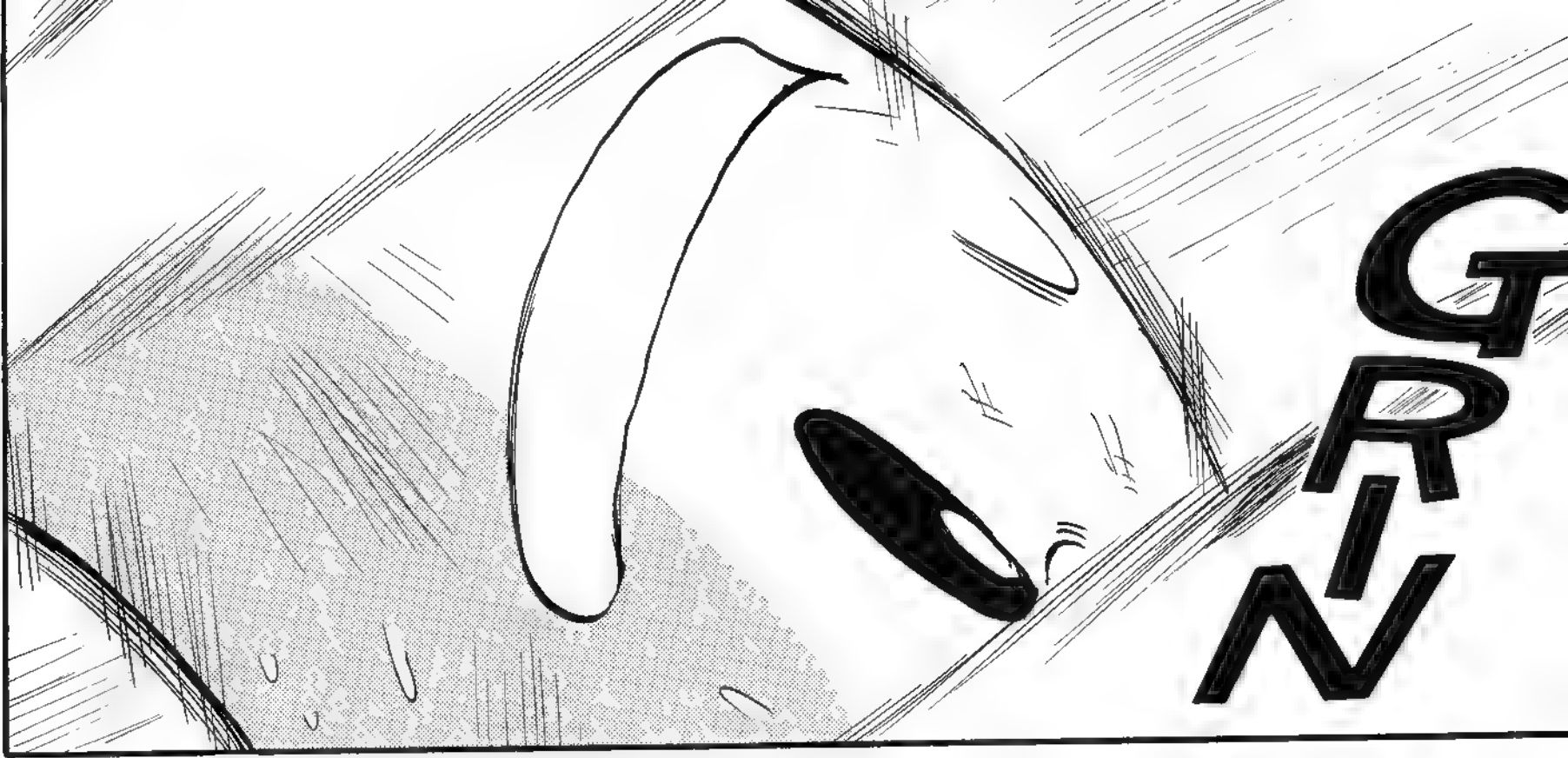
IF YOU DON'T
TRUST **THEM**,
WHO CAN YOU
TRUST?!

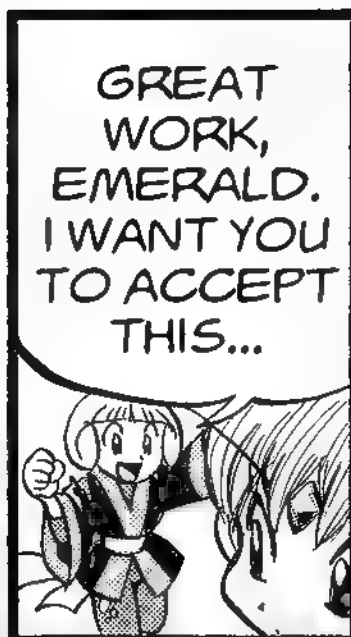
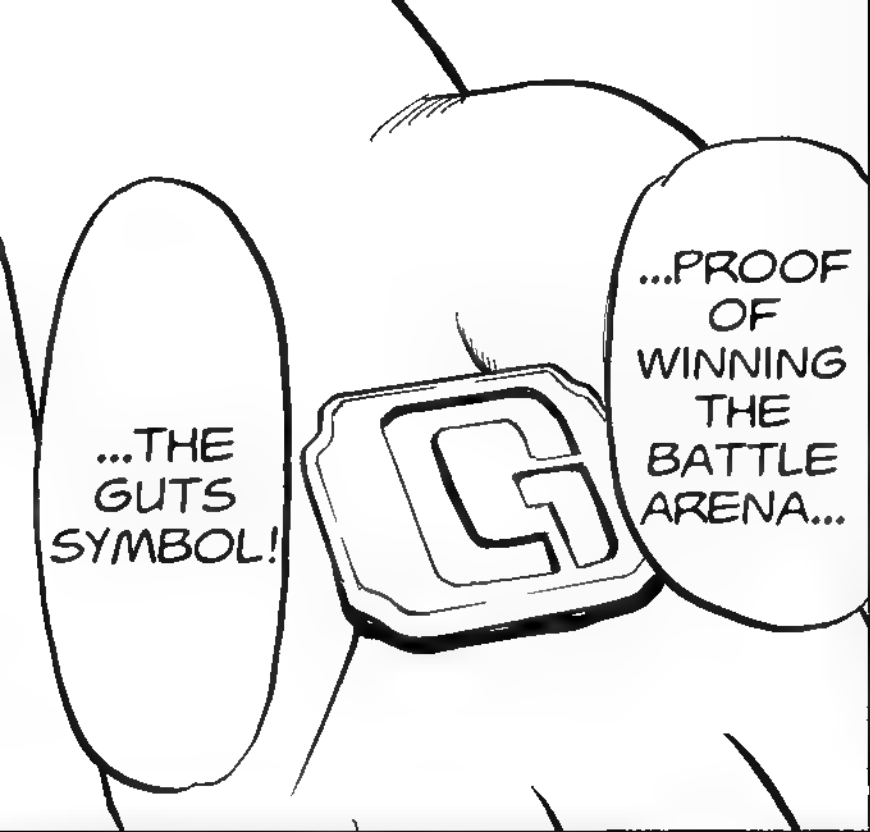


...SUDO-
WOODO
!!

...IN
THERE
...









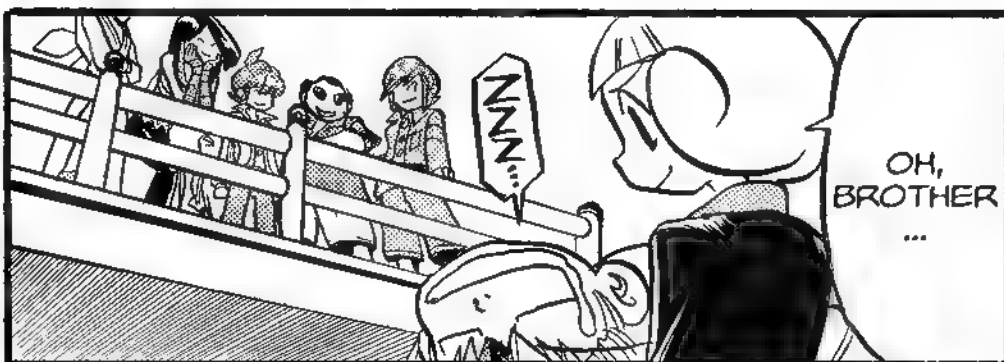
HEY,
HEY,
HEY!

YOU'LL
NEVER GET
A GOOD
NIGHT'S
REST THAT
WAY. YOU
CAN STAY AT
THE BATTLE
FRONTIER
HOTEL.

REALLY?
OKAY.



I SEE YOU'VE
TAKEN A LIKING
TO HIM WHILE
I WAS GONE.



OH,
BROTHER
...



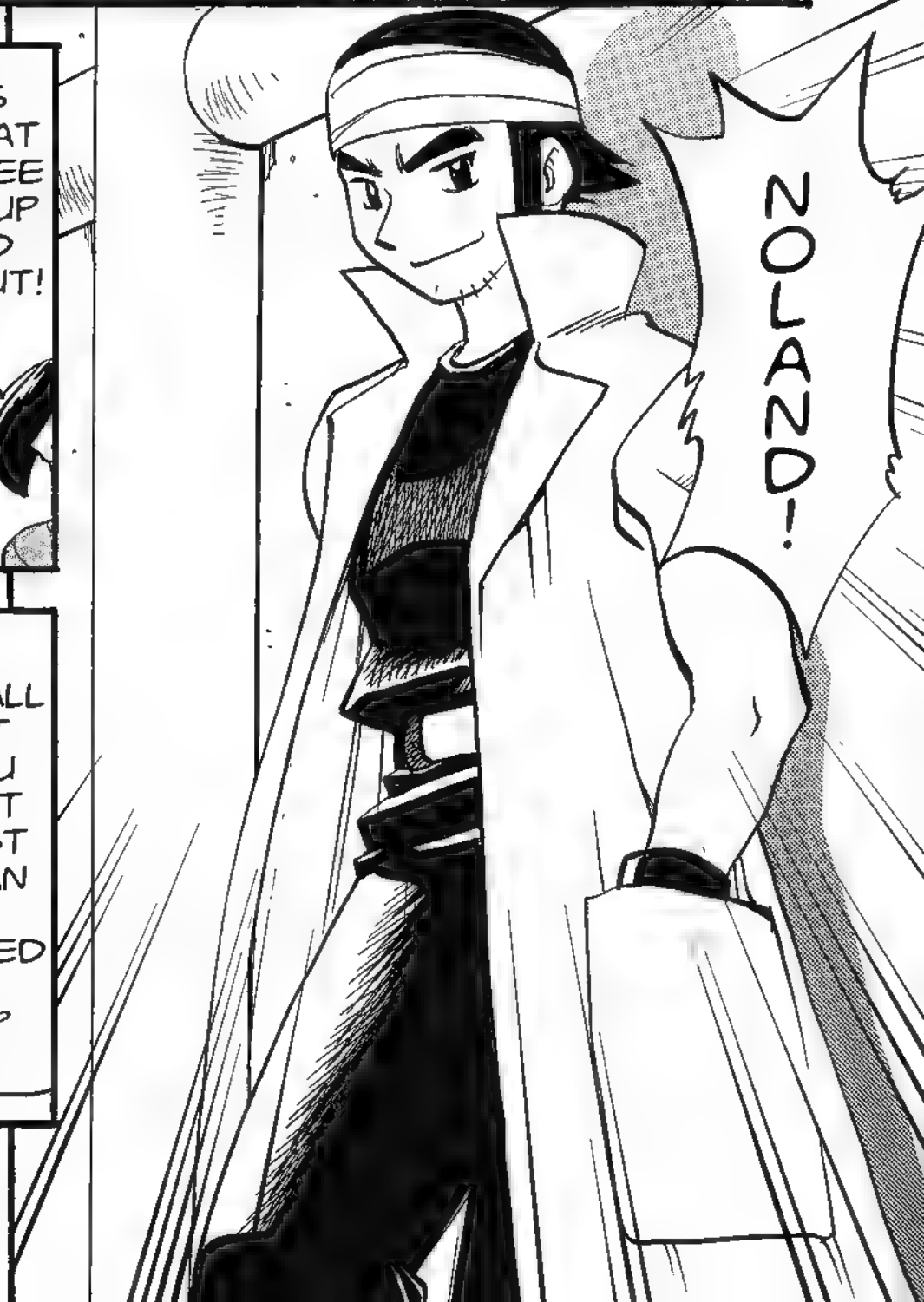
SO
MUCH HAS
HAPPENED...

IT'S
GREAT
TO SEE
YOU UP
AND
ABOUT!



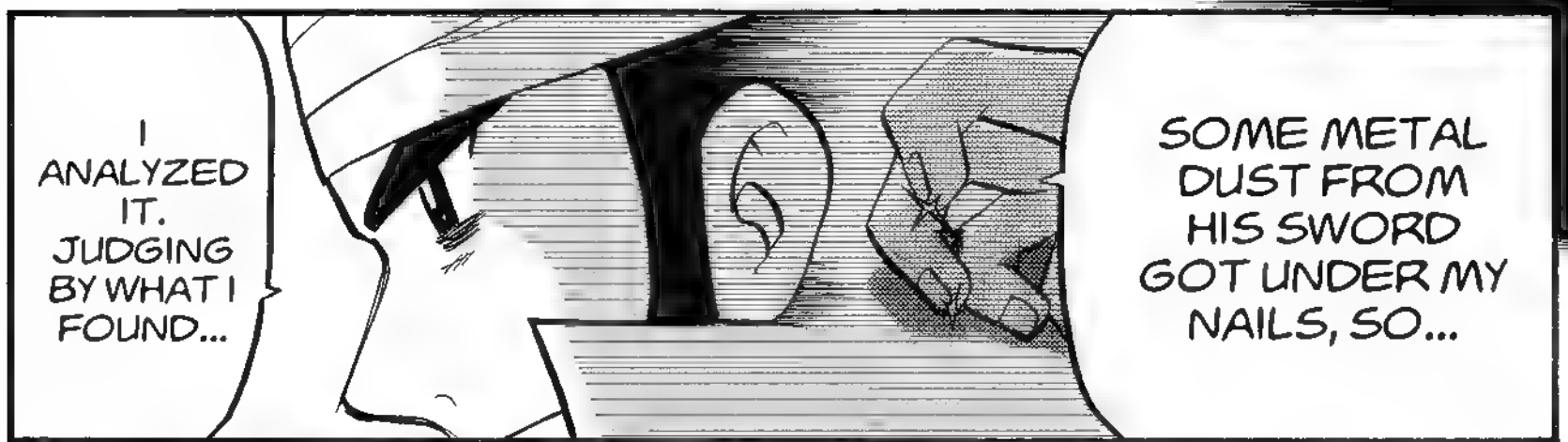
WE
TRIED
TO
AVENGE
YOU,
NOLAND...
I'M
SORRY...

I'VE
HEARD ALL
ABOUT
IT... YOU
FOUGHT
AGAINST
THE MAN
WHO
ATTACKED
ME,
RIGHT?



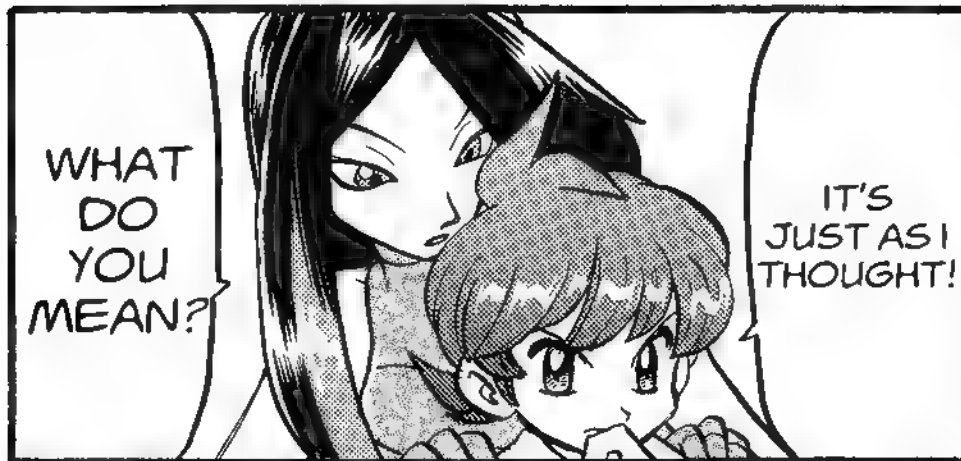
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I
ANALYZED
IT.
JUDGING
BY WHAT I
FOUND...

SOME METAL
DUST FROM
HIS SWORD
GOT UNDER MY
NAILS, SO...



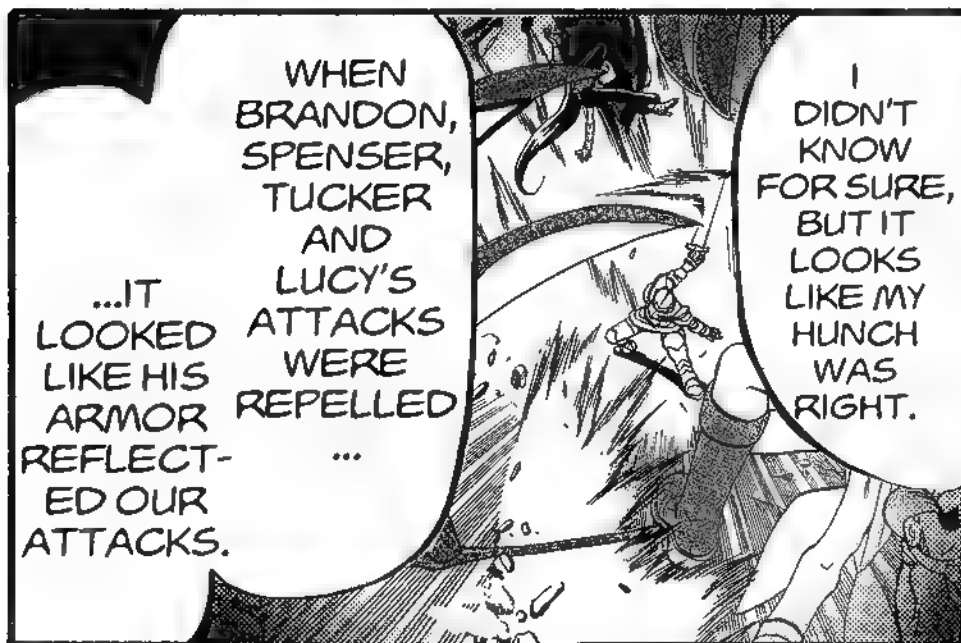
WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN?

IT'S
JUST AS I
THOUGHT!



...THE
SWORD
WAS
PROBABLY
A UNIQUE
FORCE-
FIELD
ITEM...

...WITH
CHAR-
ACTER-
ISTICS
OF BOTH
REFLECT
AND
LIGHT
SCREEN.



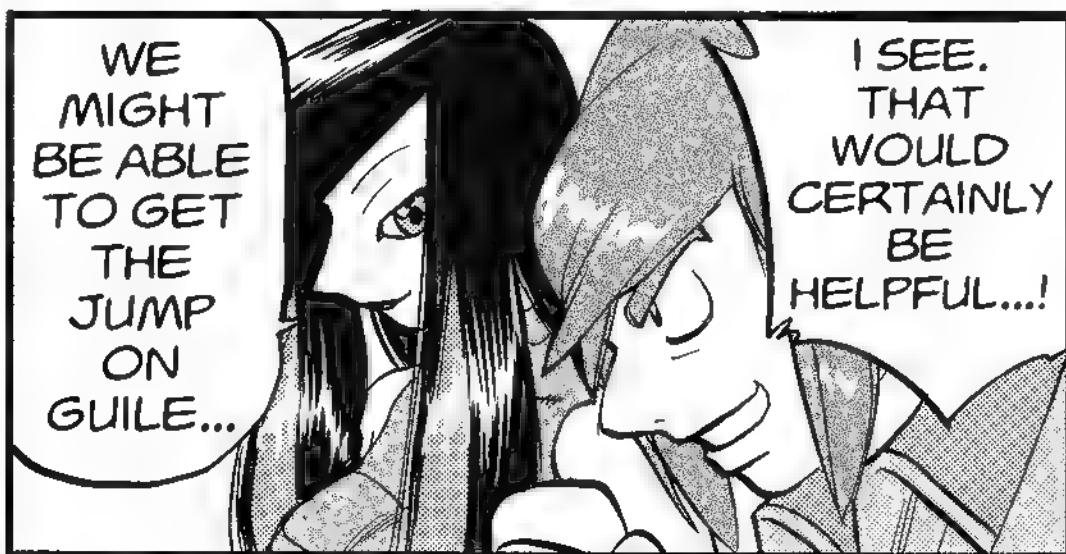
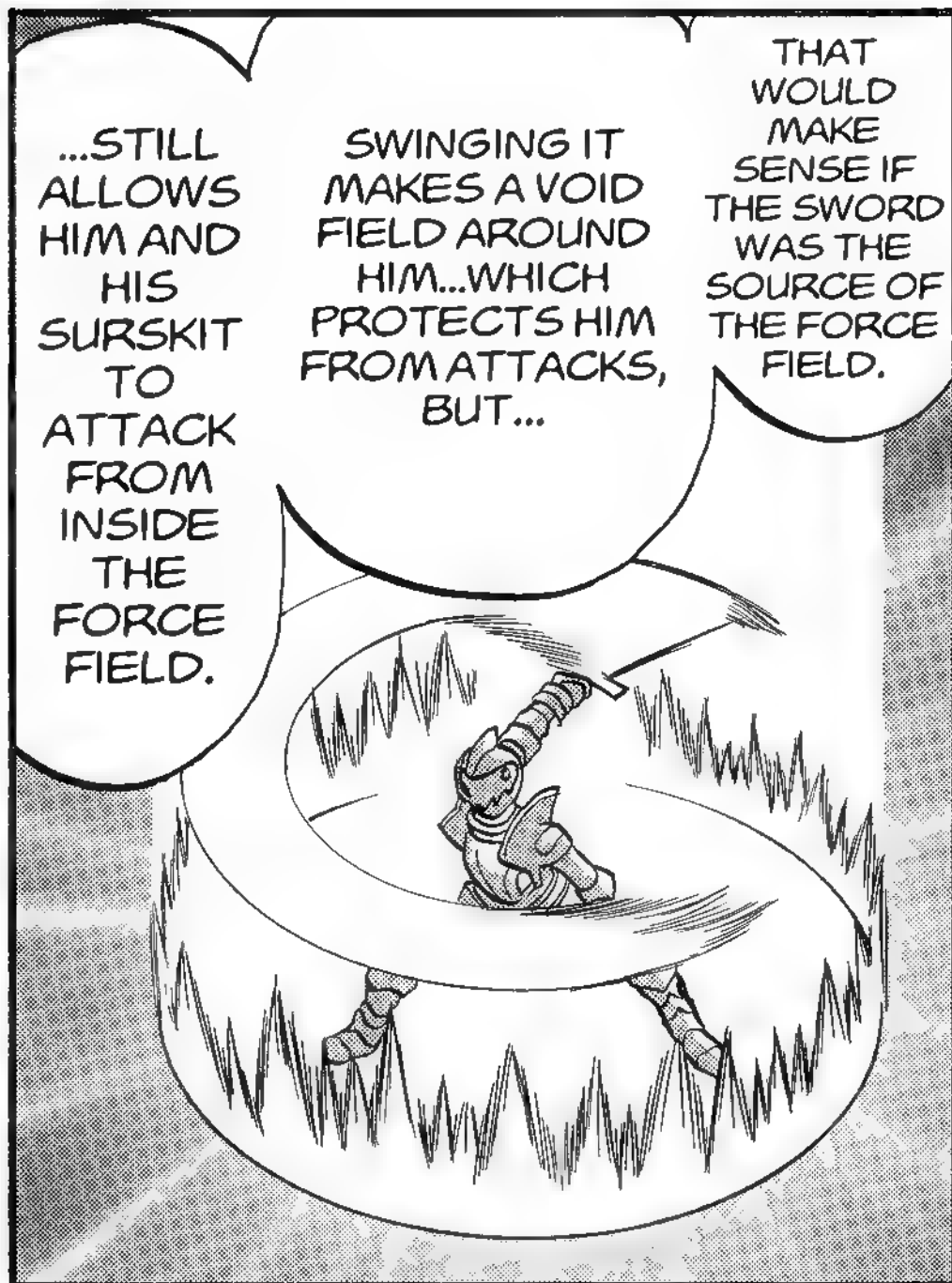
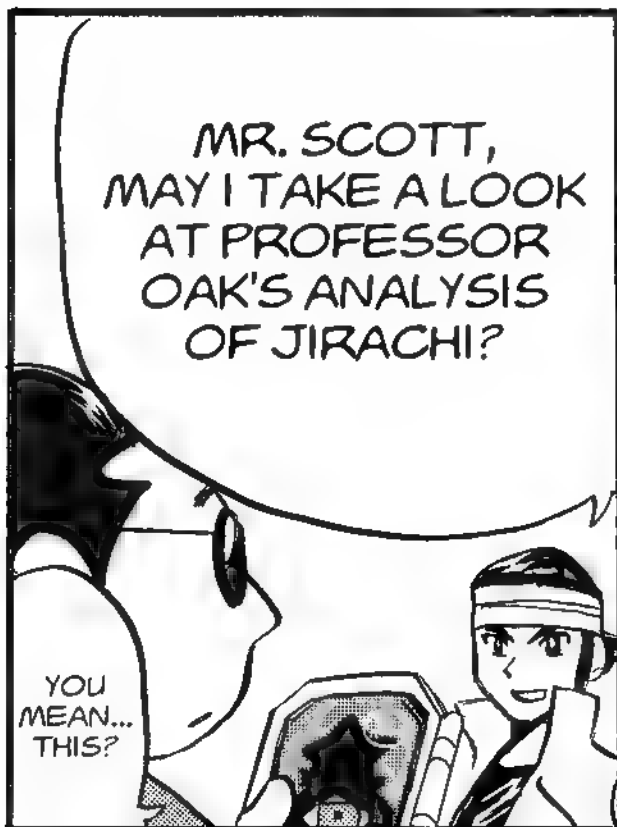
WHEN
BRANDON,
SPENSER,
TUCKER
AND
LUCY'S
ATTACKS
WERE
REPELLED
...
...IT
LOOKED
LIKE HIS
ARMOR
REFLECT-
ED OUR
ATTACKS.

I
DIDN'T
KNOW
FOR SURE,
BUT IT
LOOKS
LIKE MY
HUNCH
WAS
RIGHT.

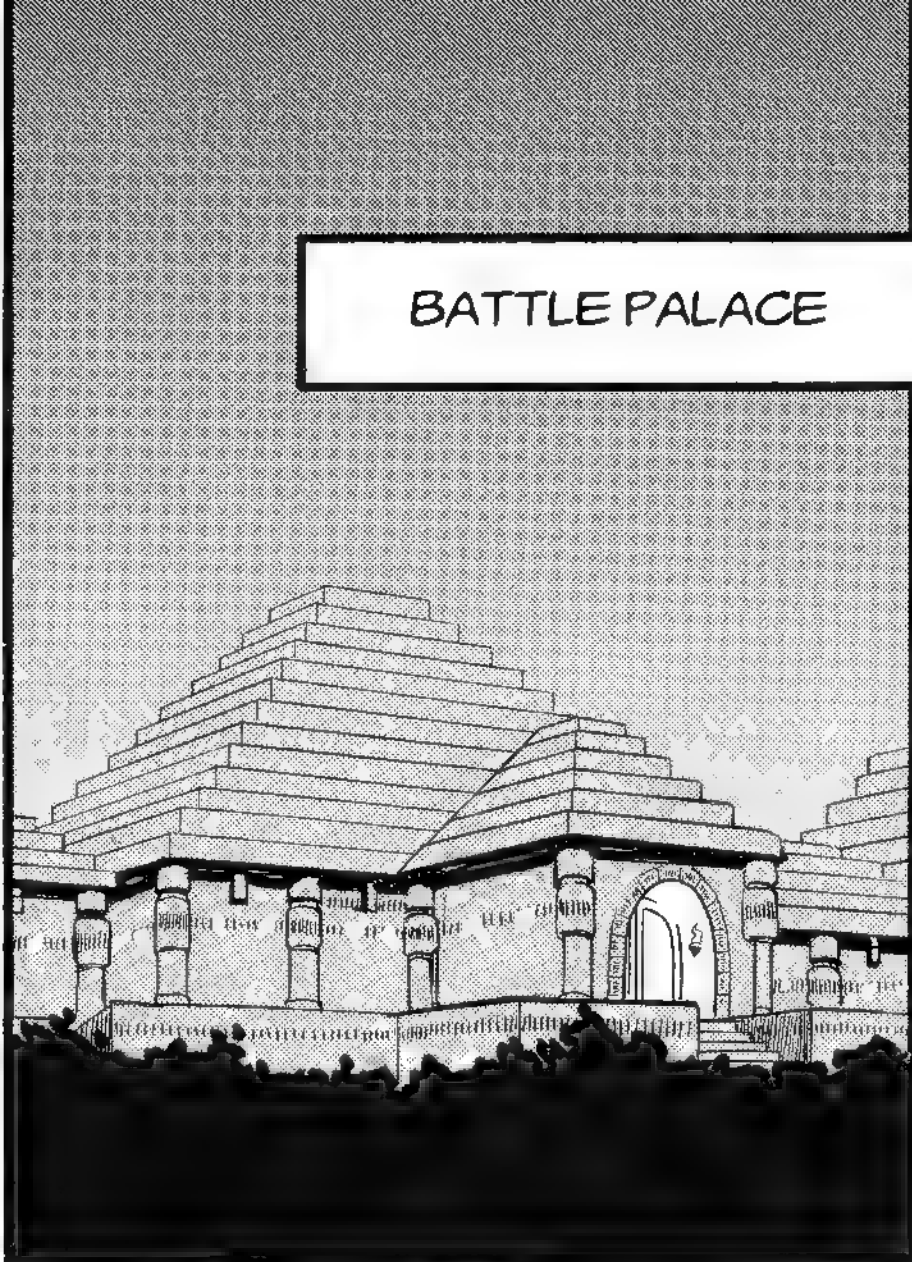


...THAT
DID IT.

BUT
IT WAS
ACTUALLY
HIS
SWORD...







BATTLE PALACE



ZUP

THE
ARMOR-
CLAD
MAN...



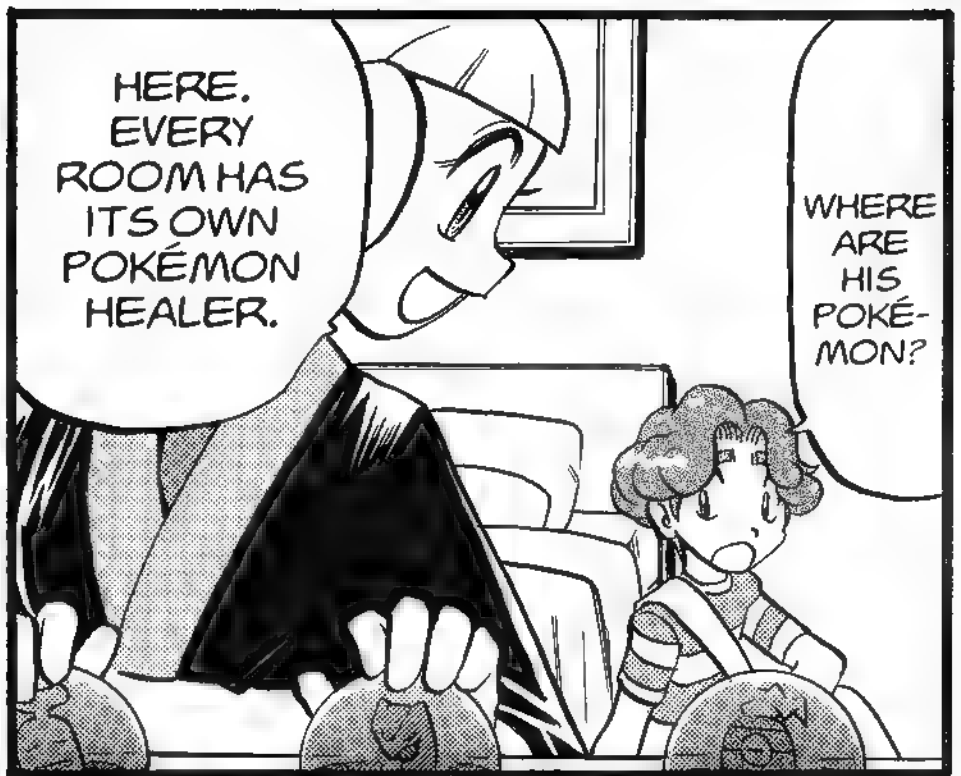
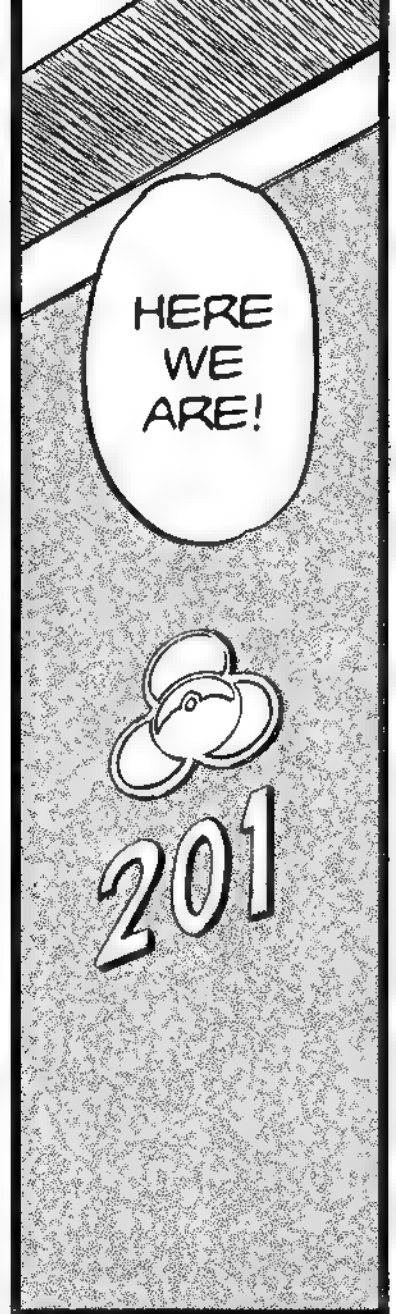
GUILE
HIDEOUT
...

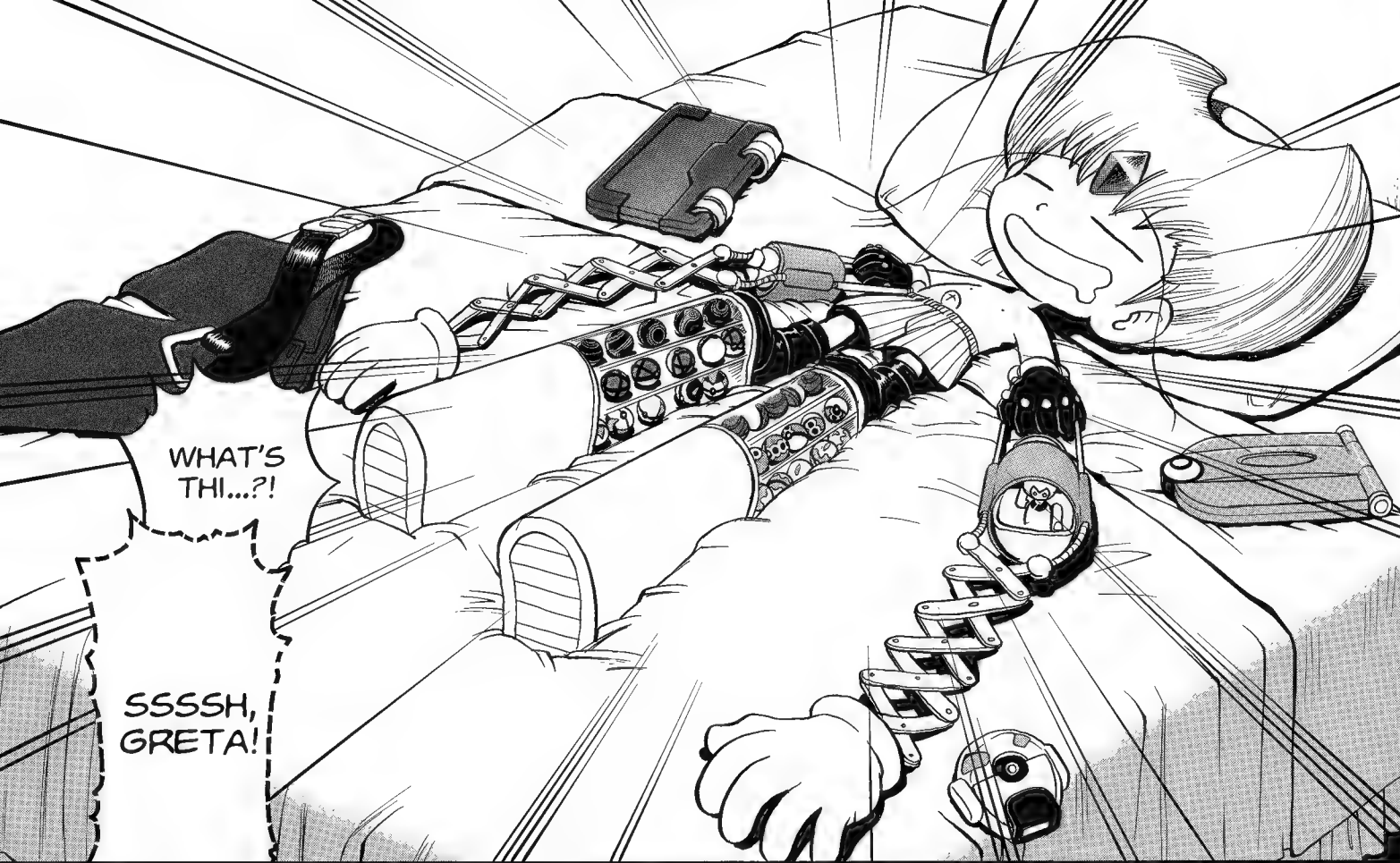
C'MON,
FOLLOW
ME!

BATTLE
FRON-
TIER
HOTEL

HURRY
UP. HE
CAN'T BE
THAT
HEAVY...







WHAT'S
THI...?!

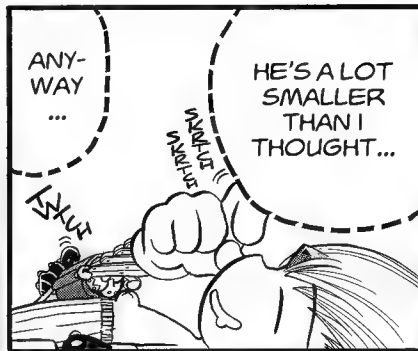
SSSSH,
GRETA!



WHAT?
BUT I...

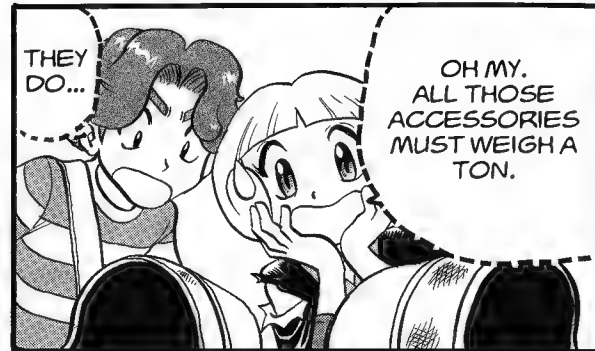
LET'S JUST
PRETEND THIS
DIDN'T HAPPEN.
THANKS FOR THE
HELP, GRETA.

IT'S
OKAY.



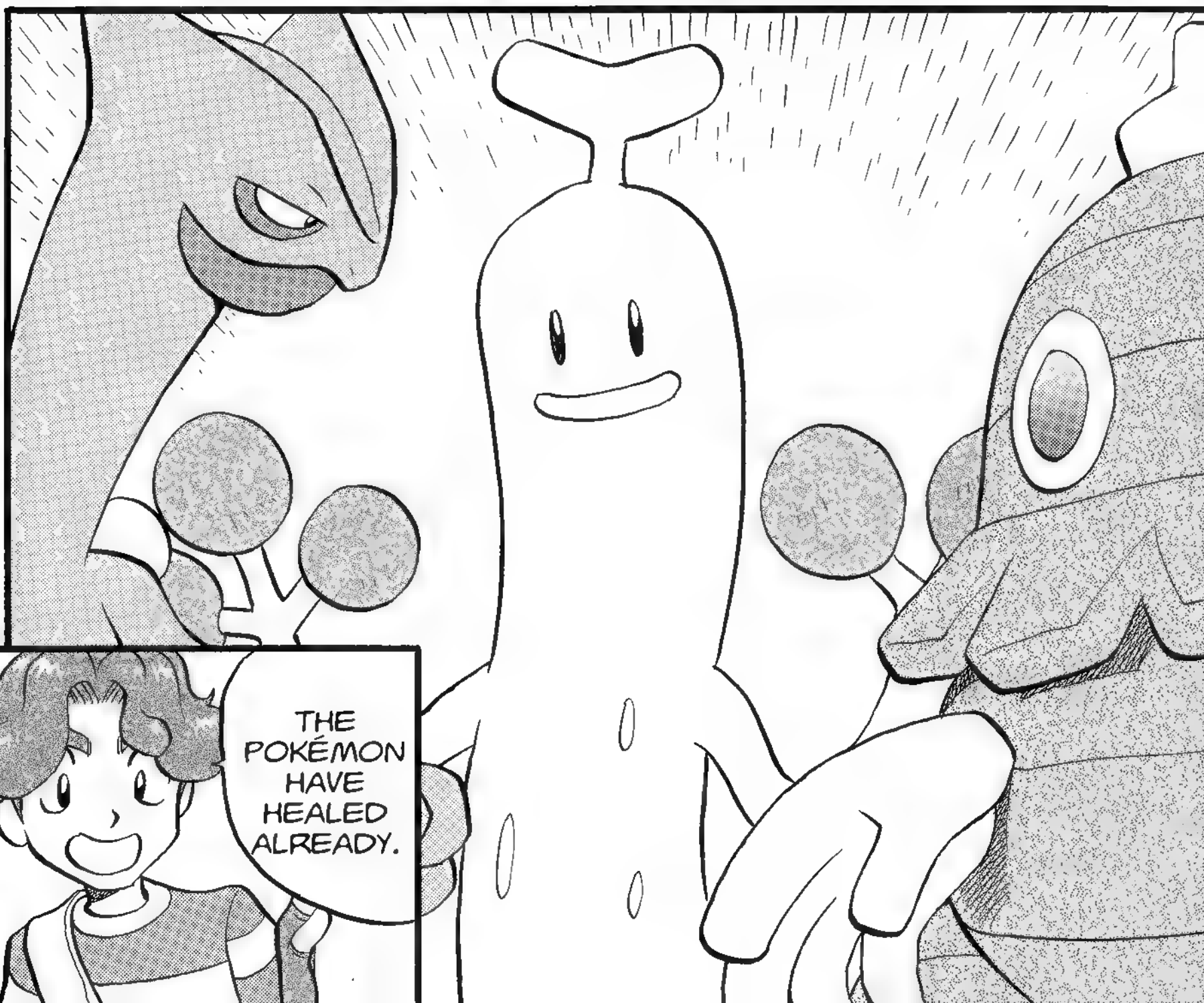
ANY-
WAY
...

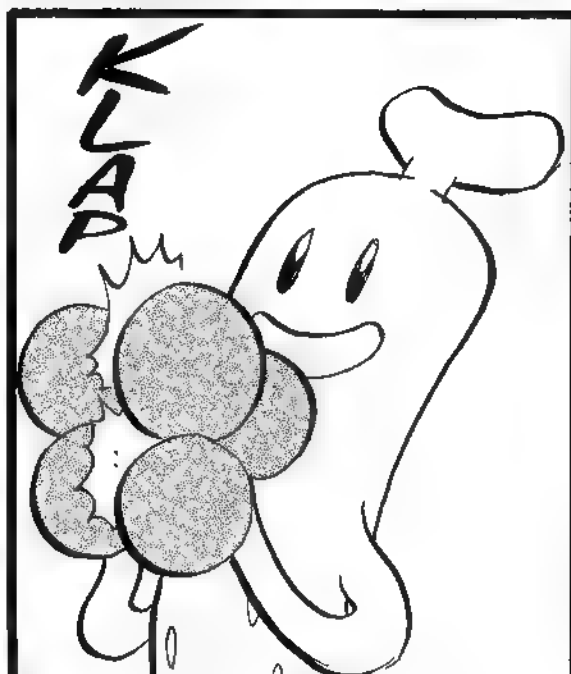
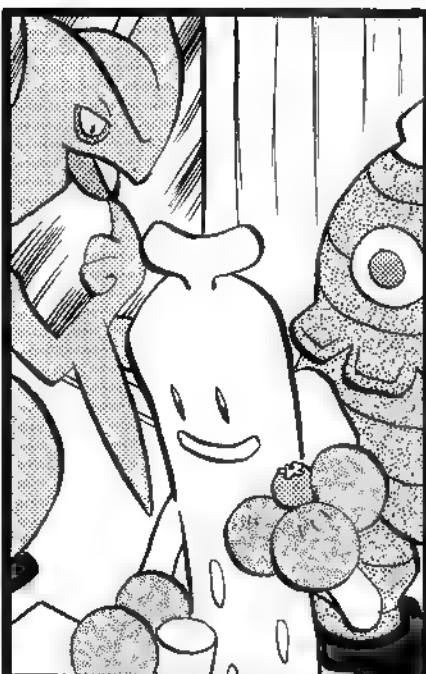
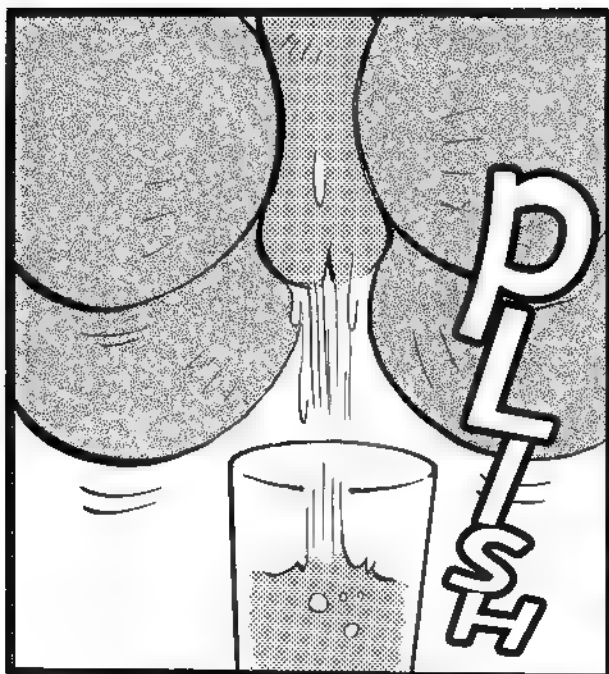
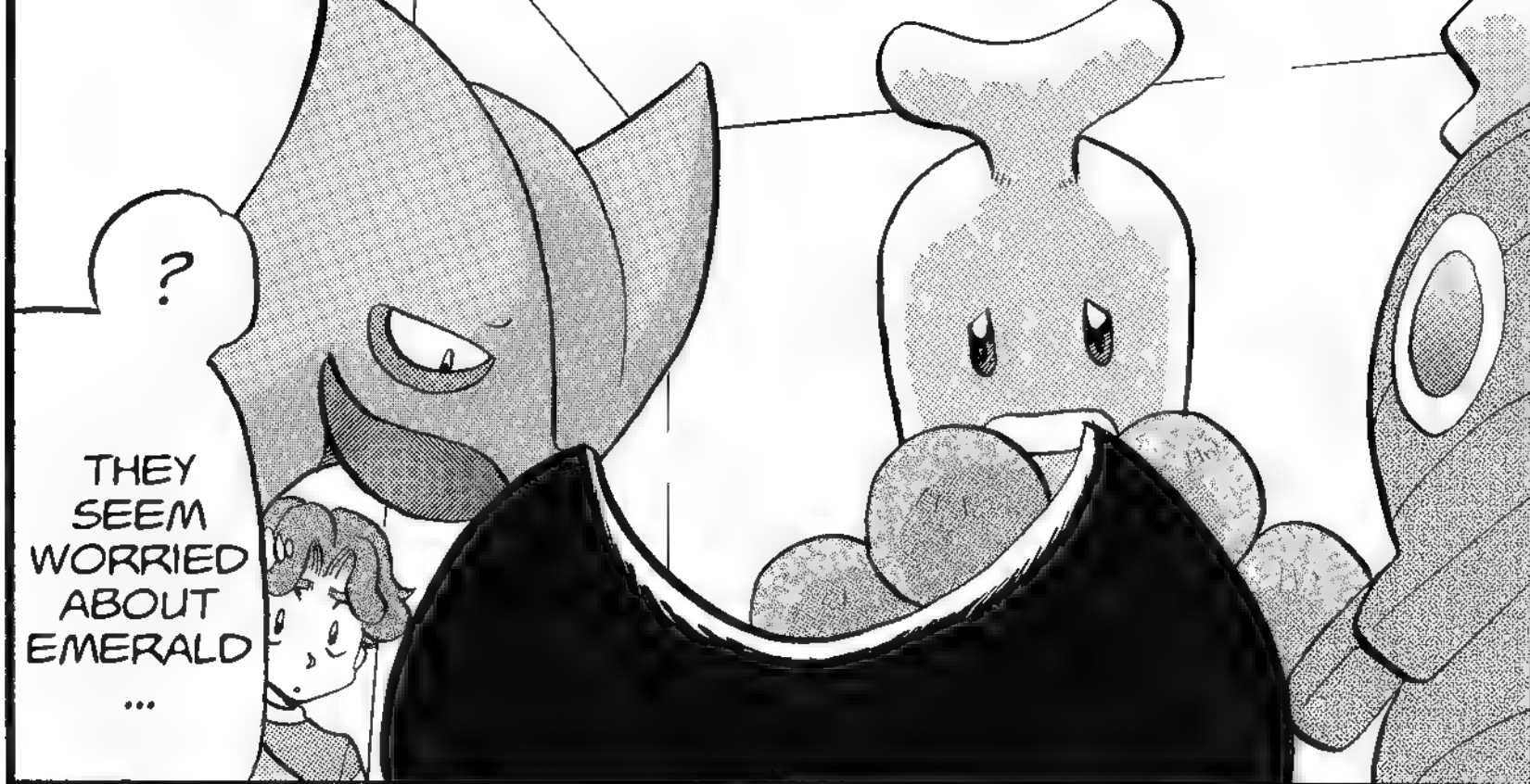
HE'S A LOT
SMALLER
THAN I
THOUGHT...



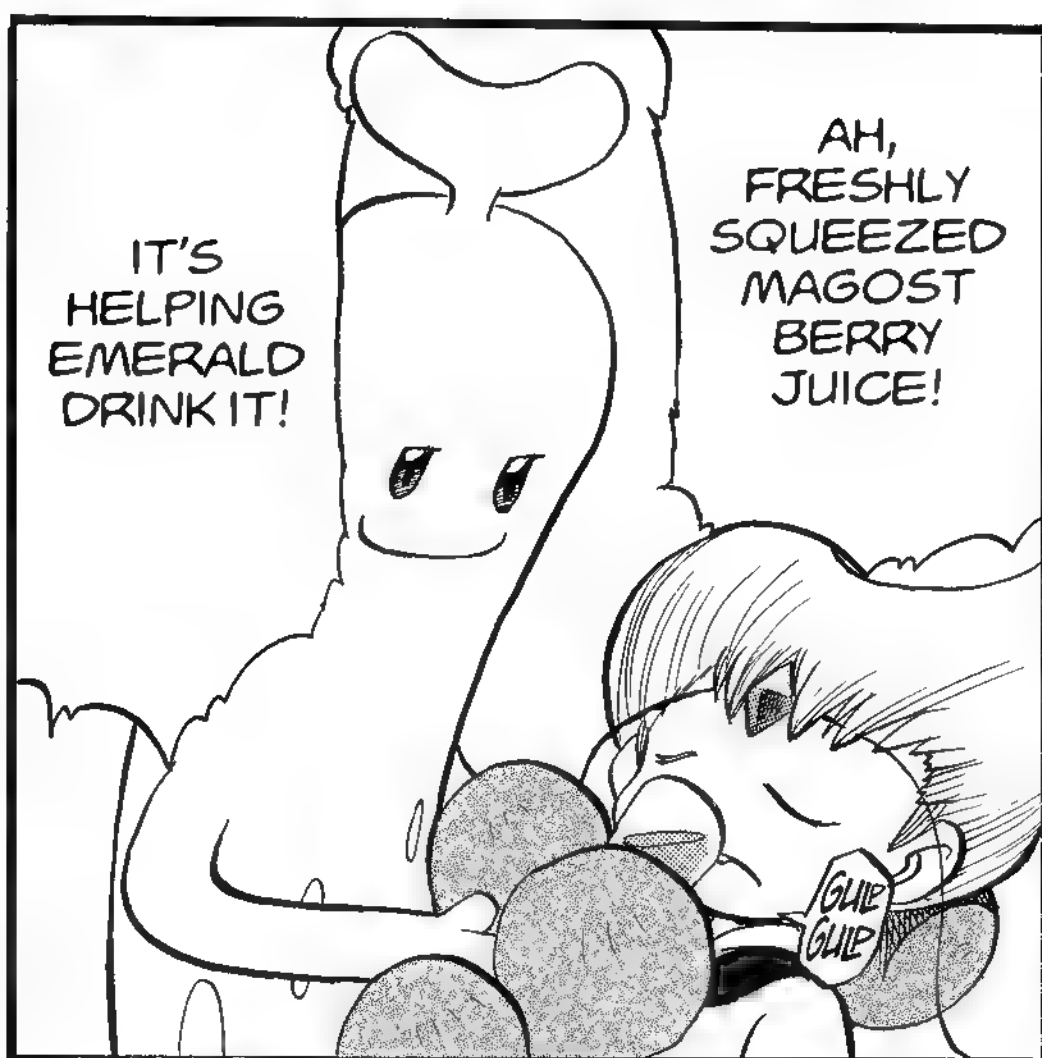
THEY
DO...

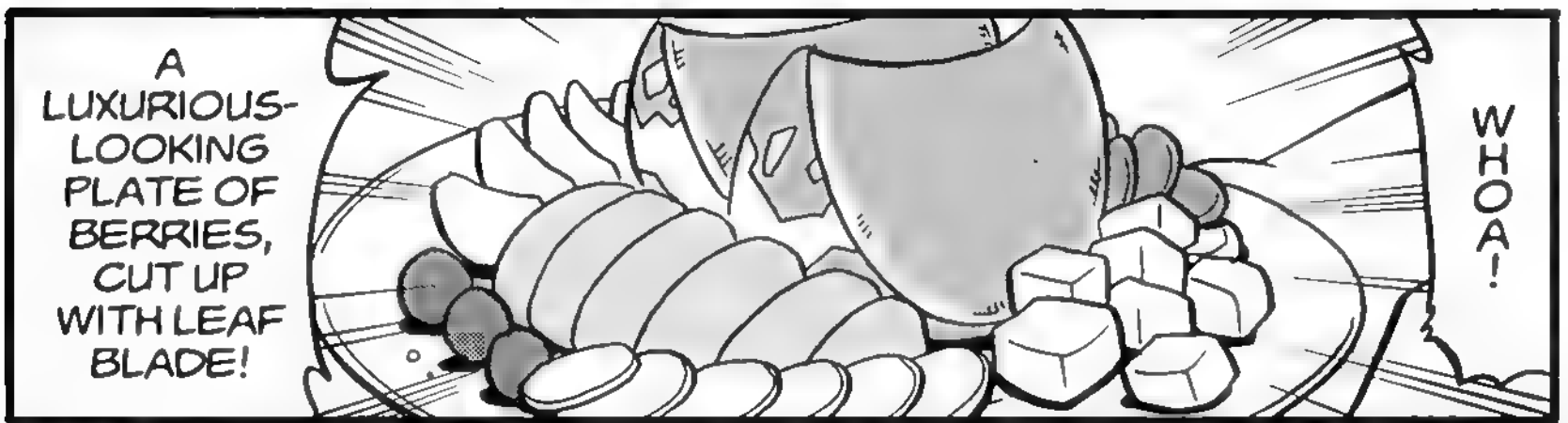
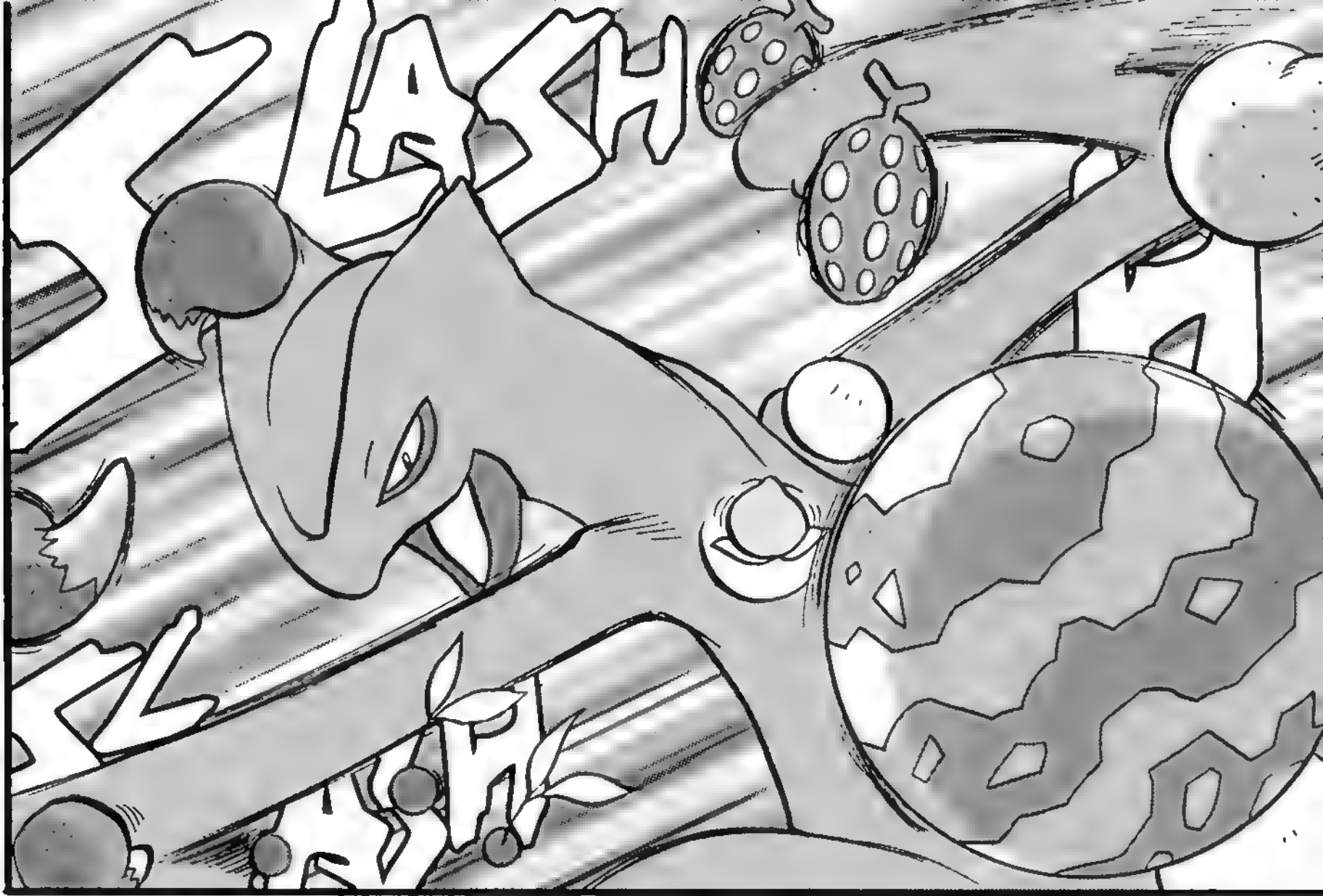
OH MY.
ALL THOSE
ACCESSORIES
MUST WEIGH A
TON.





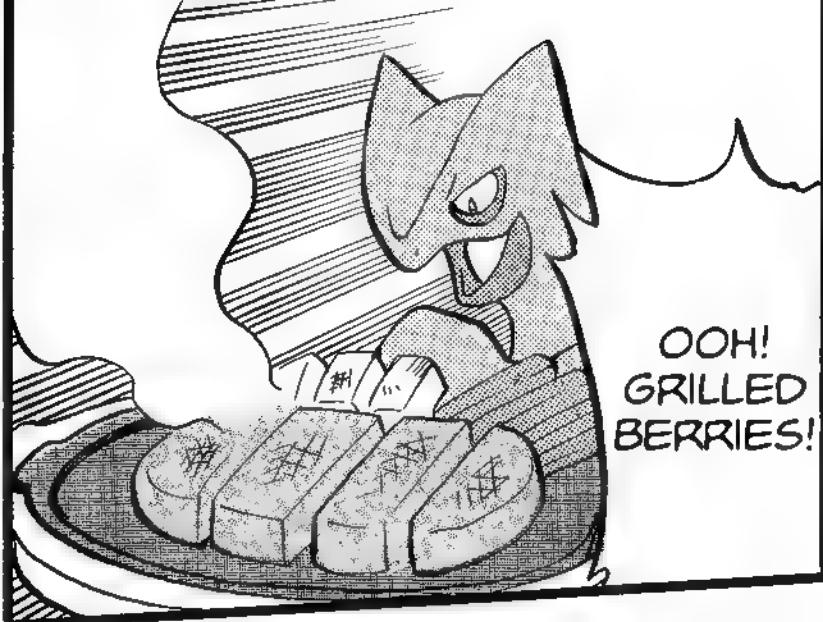
THAT SUDO-WOODO REALLY CARES ABOUT HIM!







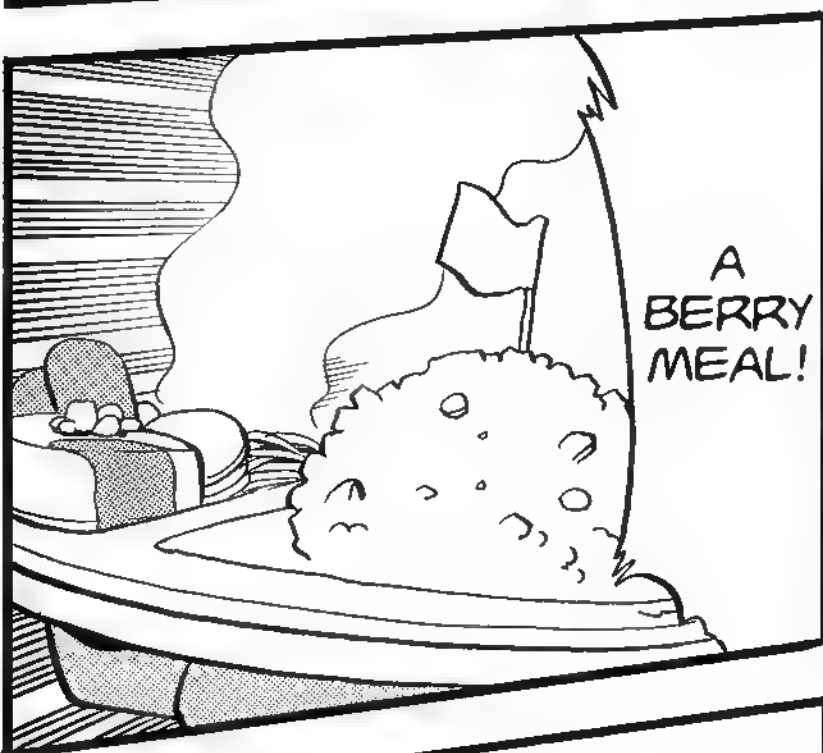
A
BERRY
JUICE
FLOAT!



OOH!
GRILLED
BERRIES!



WOW!
BERRY
PAR-
FAIT!



A
BERRY
MEAL!



WHAT
IS IT
DOING
?!

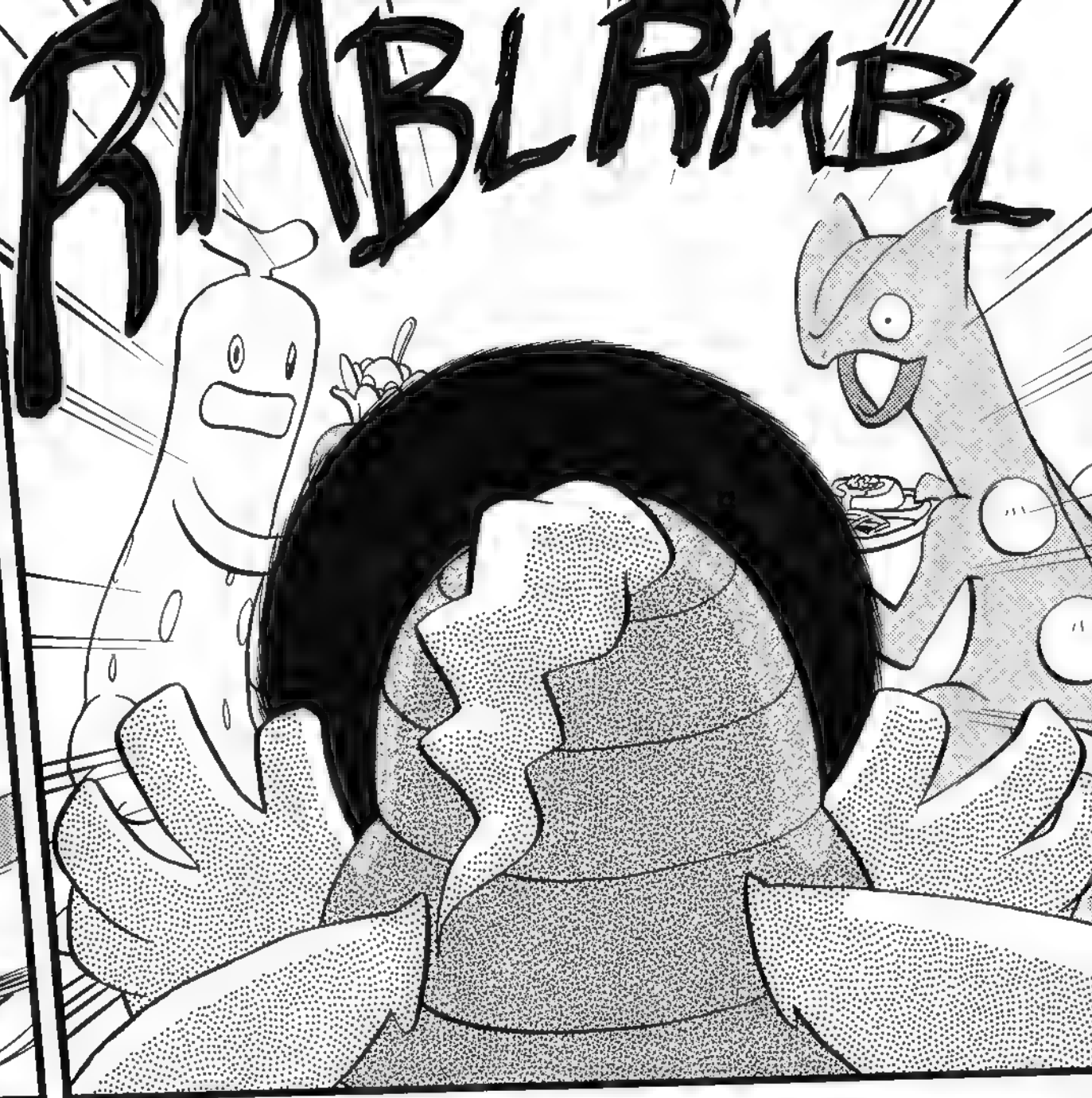
DUSCLOPS
WANTSTOTAKE
PART IN THE
COOKING
CONTEST
TOO!



HMM
?!



A
BLACK
HOLE!



RMBL RMBL



IT'S SUCKING
IN ALL THE
FOOD!

WHAT A
WASTE!



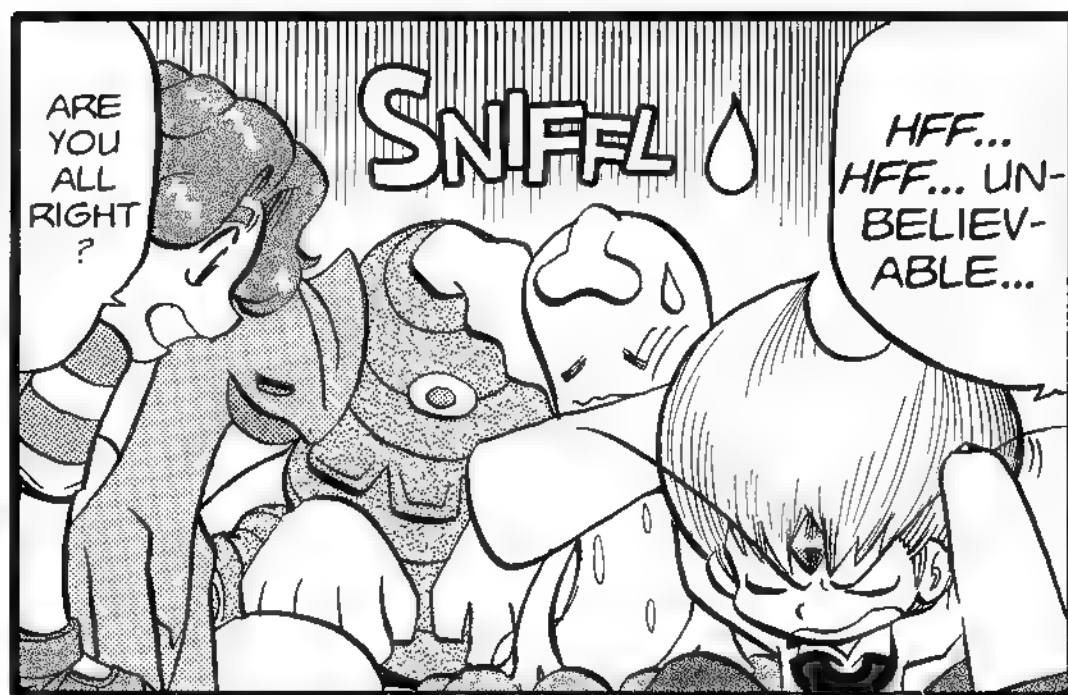
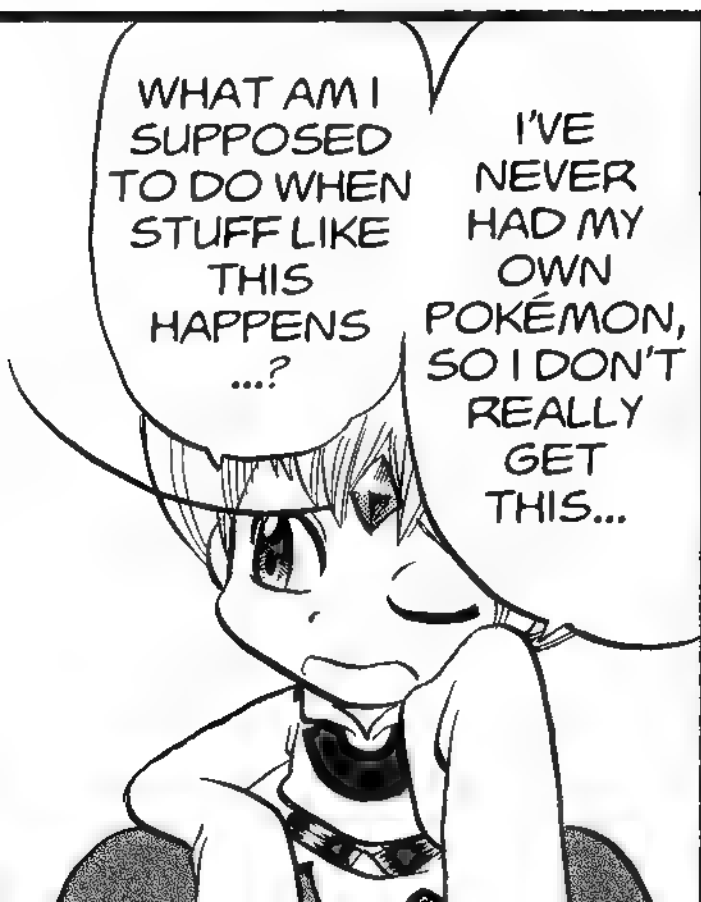
DOES
IT WANT
TO HAVE
EMER-
ALD
ALL TO
ITSELF
?!

AAAAH!
AND
EMER-
ALD
TOO...!



YANK

HRM
...?





I NEVER
THOUGHT
A THING
LIKE THAT
COULD
DECIDE A
BATTLE.

A
THING
LIKE...
WHAT?

THE
SAME
GOES
FOR
THE
BATTLE
TODAY
TOO...



DUNNO.
I'M NOT A
TRAINER.

WHEN
THEY
FIGHT
OVER
ME...

THAT WAS THE
FIRST TIME I
EVER CHEERED
ON A POKÉMON
DURING
BATTLE...

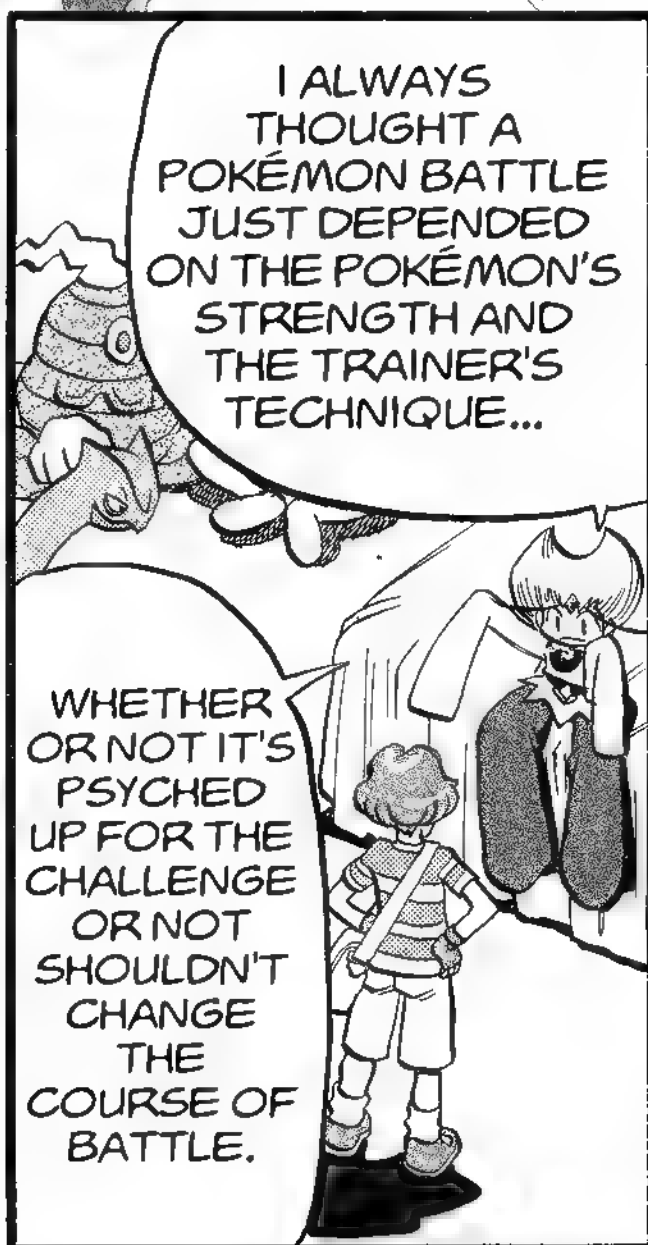


HANG
IN THERE,
SUDO-
WOODO
!!



...I
WON.

BUT
...



I ALWAYS
THOUGHT A
POKÉMON BATTLE
JUST DEPENDED
ON THE POKÉMON'S
STRENGTH AND
THE TRAINER'S
TECHNIQUE...

WHETHER
OR NOT IT'S
PSYCHED
UP FOR THE
CHALLENGE
OR NOT
SHOULDN'T
CHANGE
THE
COURSE OF
BATTLE.

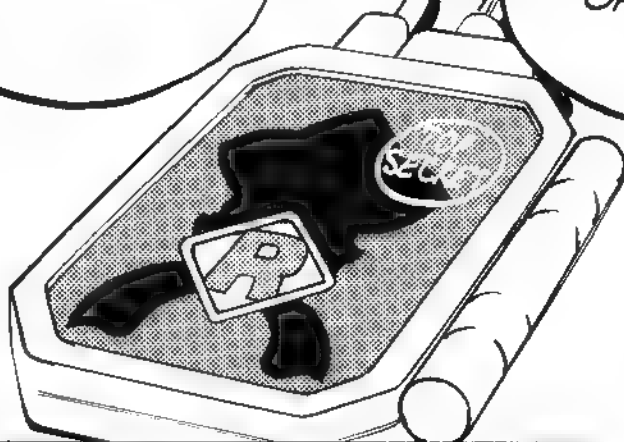


THIS IS ALL
NEW TO ME!
I DON'T GET
IT!

AT THE
BATTLE
FACTORY
...

...IS
FASCI-
NATING.

THIS
REPORT
ANALYZED
BY
PROFESSOR
OAK...



LEGEND
HAS IT
THAT THE
PERSON
WHO
CAPTURES
JIRACHI
CAN MAKE
ANY WISH
COME
TRUE.



THE
LAST TIME
JIRACHI
WOKE UP
WAS A
THOUSAND
YEARS
AGO.

OH,
THANKS.

Here's
your
coffee.

HEY!
HOW'S
IT GOIN',
NOLAND
?!



POWER
...

LEMME
WEALTH SEE...

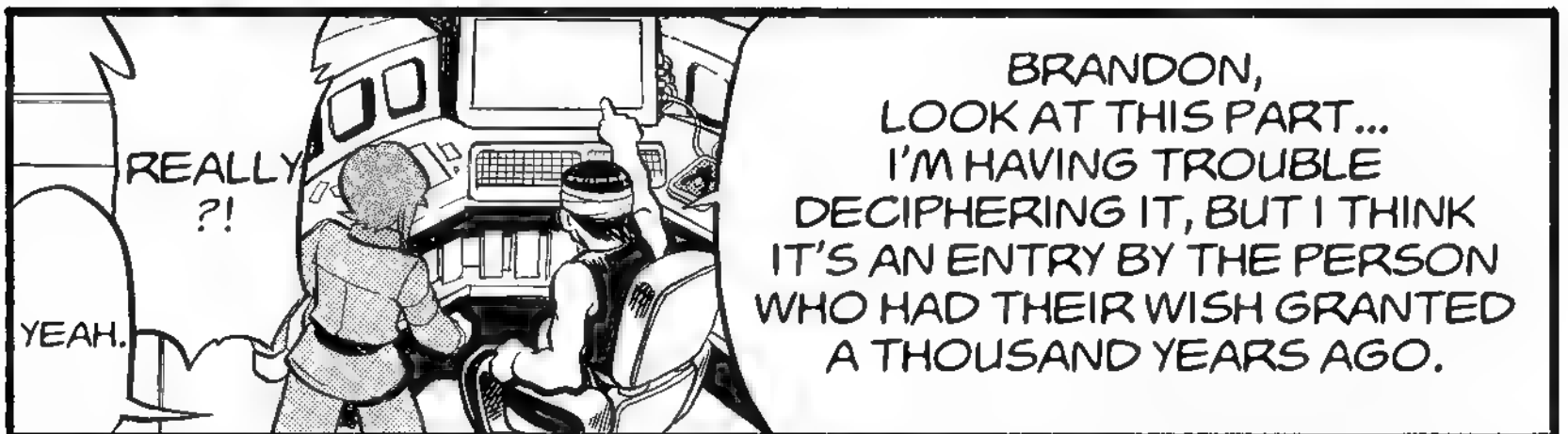
WHAT
KIND OF
A WISH
DO YOU
THINK
IT WAS?

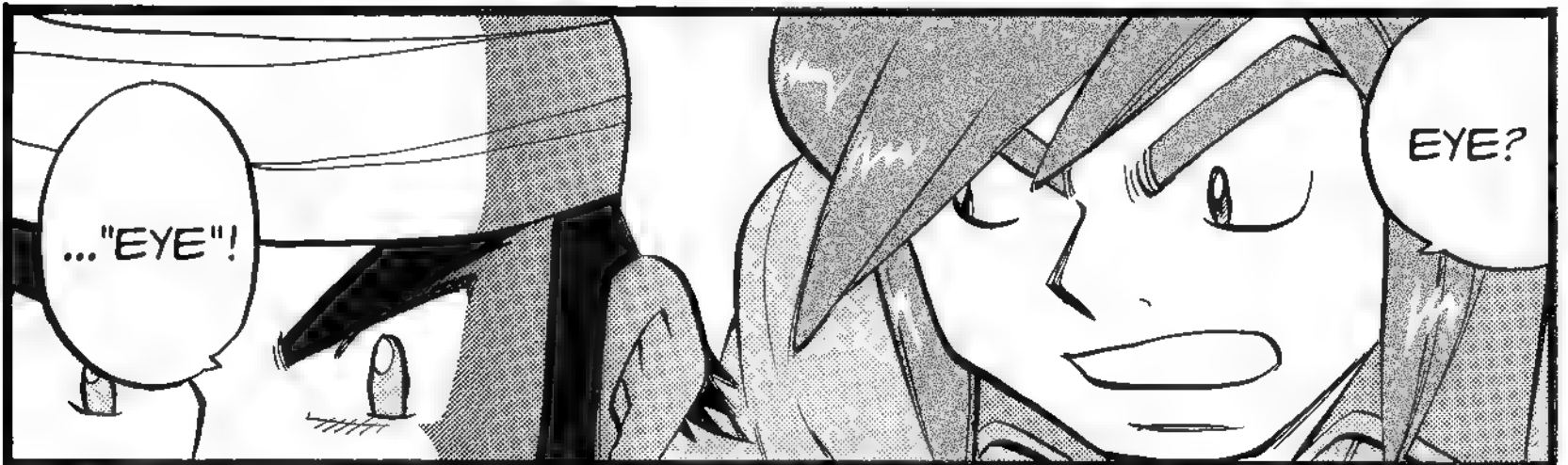
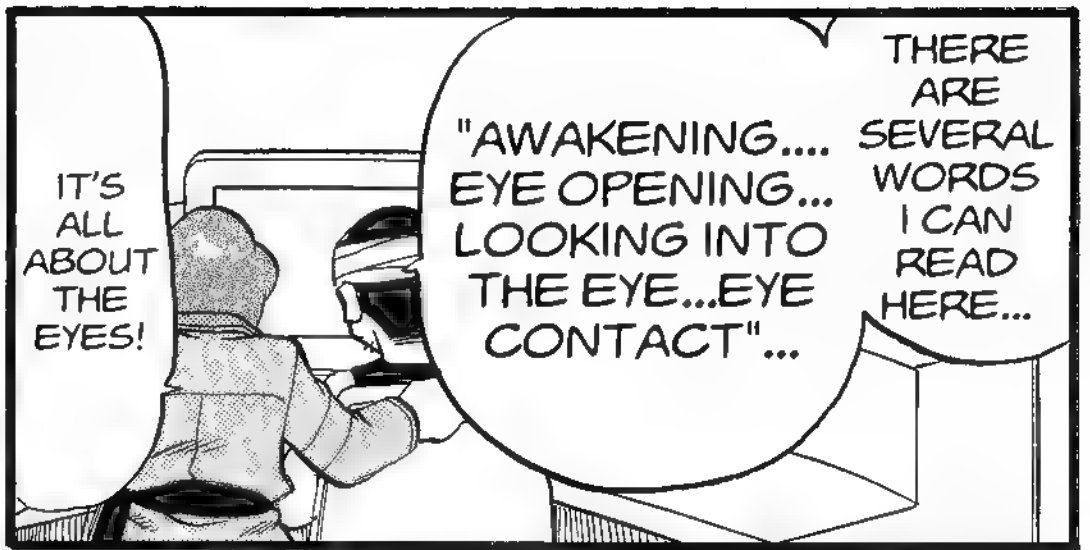
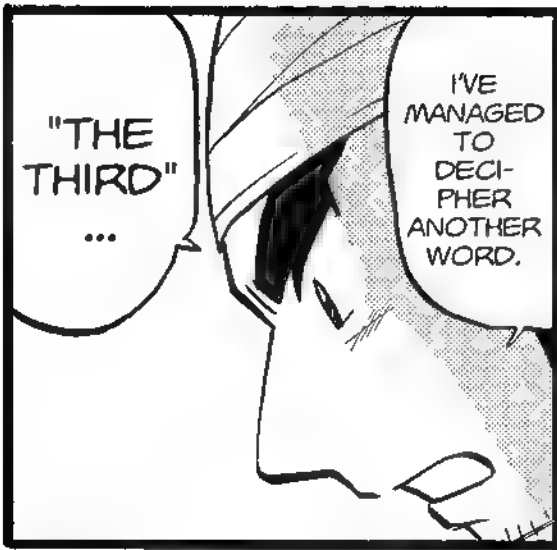
I GUESS
THERE'S
BEAUTY
TOO...

WELL, IF
JIRACHI
WOKE UP... IT
PROBABLY
GRANTED
SOMEONE'S
WISH.

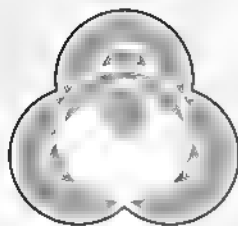
I WONDER
IF JIRACHI
GRANTED
SOMEONE'S
WISH BACK
THEN.
WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
BRANDON?











DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

Thank you for visiting the Battle Frontier today. Permit me to continue explaining the rules of this facility...

OWNER:
SCOTT

FACILITY RULES

BATTLE DOME 2

■ DETAILS OF THE BATTLE CARD ■

The challenger may learn about their opponents at the Battle Dome by reviewing their opponents' battle card.



① Pokémon

The Trainer's three Pokémon.

② The Trainer's rank.

The Trainer's rank compared to the rank of the opponent. Represents the Trainer's rank in relation to the stats of the opponent's Pokémon.

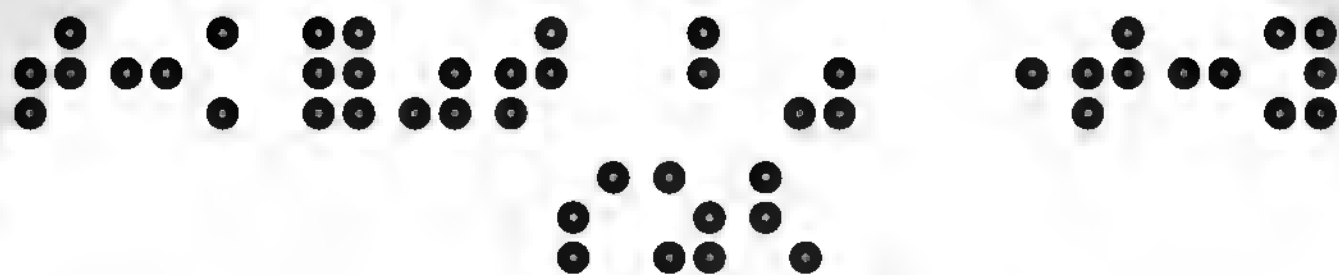
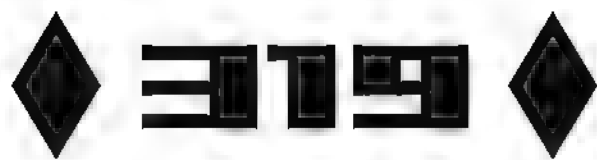
③ Battle-style

The type of battle-style this Trainer excels in. (The sentence here will differ depending on the type of Pokémon Moves.)

④ Which stat the Trainer emphasizes.

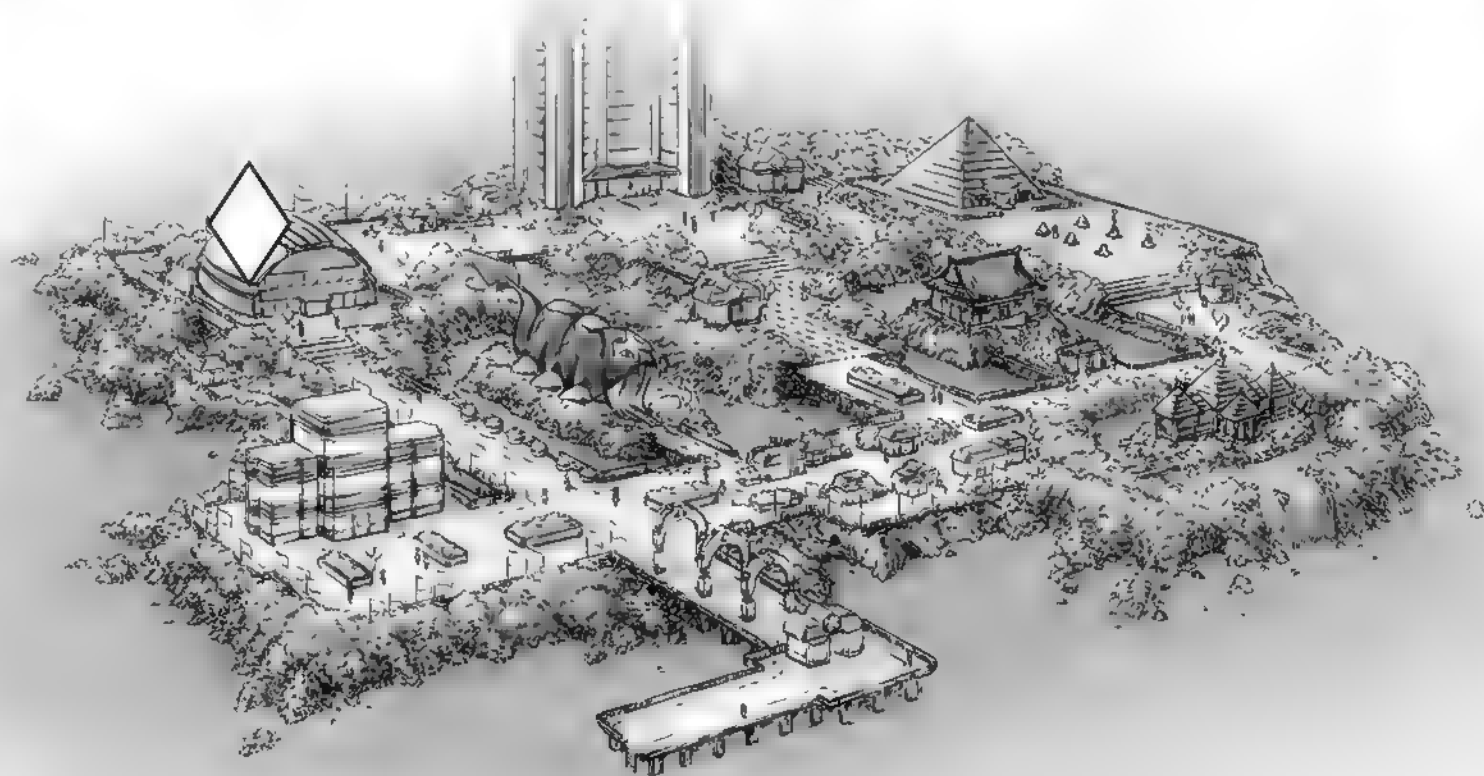
The stats of the Pokémon. You may also learn how the Nature of the Pokémon affects the stats.





Verily Vanquishing Vileplume

I



HE'S
MANAGED
TO EARN THE
KNOWLEDGE,
LUCK, BRAVE
AND GUTS
SYMBOLS!



I GOT
A CALL
FROM
EMERALD!

POKÉMON
RESEARCH CENTER
THIRD HOENN BRANCH LAB

THREE
FACILITIES
LEFT...

BUT THAT
ALSO
MEANS
THERE
ARE ONLY
THREE DAYS
LEFT TO
CAPTURE
JIRACHI...

...
INCLUDING
TODAY.

HE
SAYS HE'S
GOING TO
CHALLENGE
THE BATTLE
DOME
TODAY.

HM,
I
SEE
...

AND
THIS
TOO...

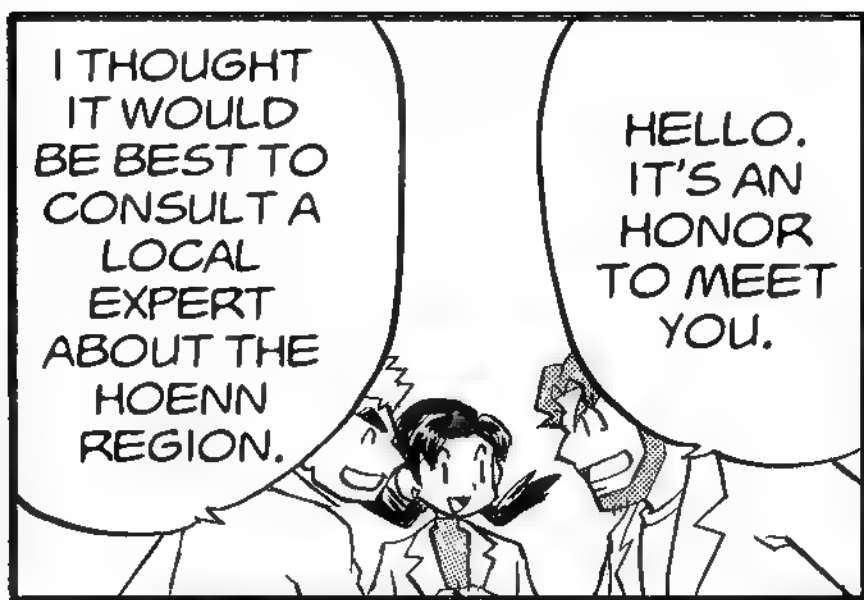
FOR
STARTERS,
HERE'S
WHAT WE
KNOW
ABOUT
GUILLE...

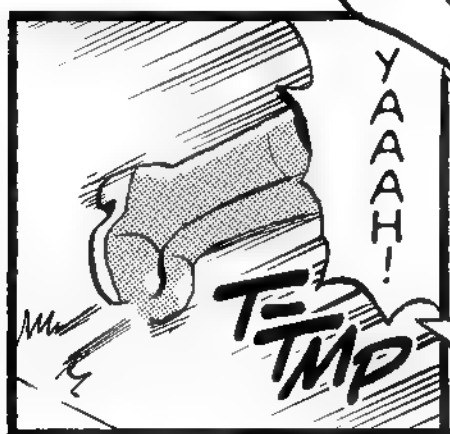
PLEASE
TAKE A
LOOK
AT THIS
INTEL.

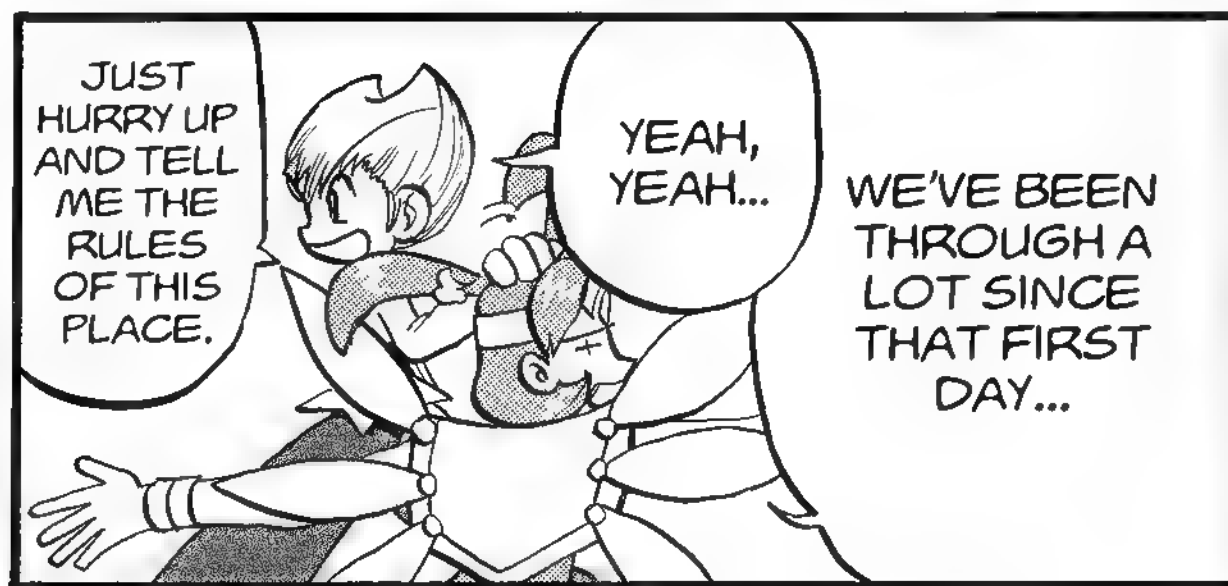
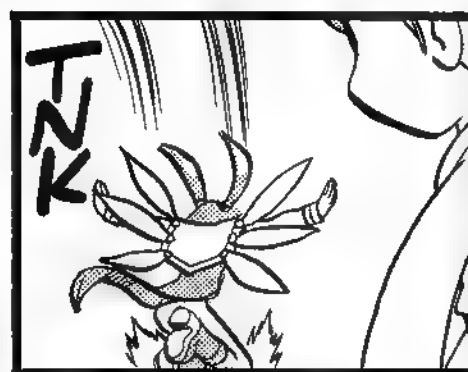
...AND
I'LL NEED
YOUR
HELP AS
WELL,
PROFES-
SOR.

I'M
AFRAID
THERE'S
MORE
...

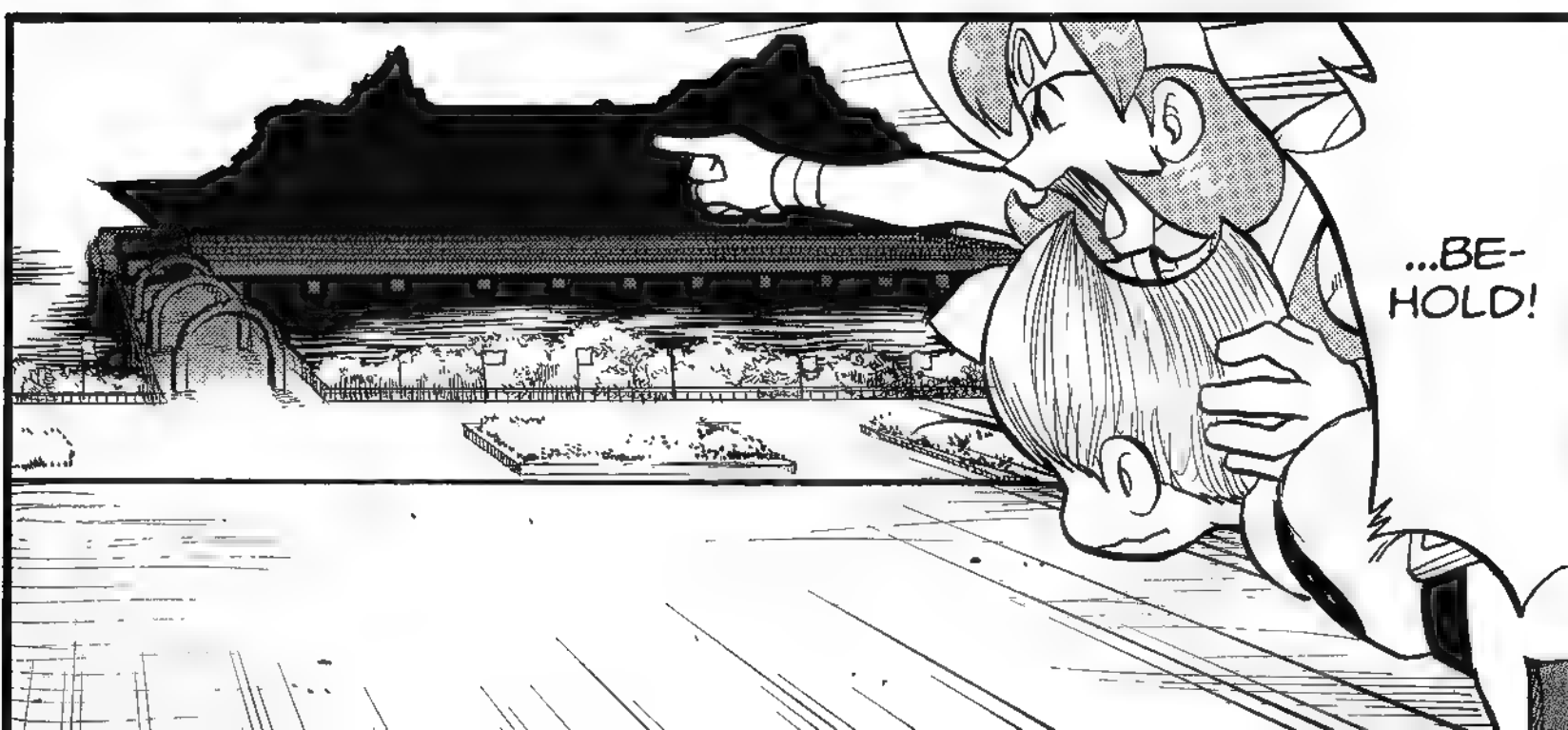


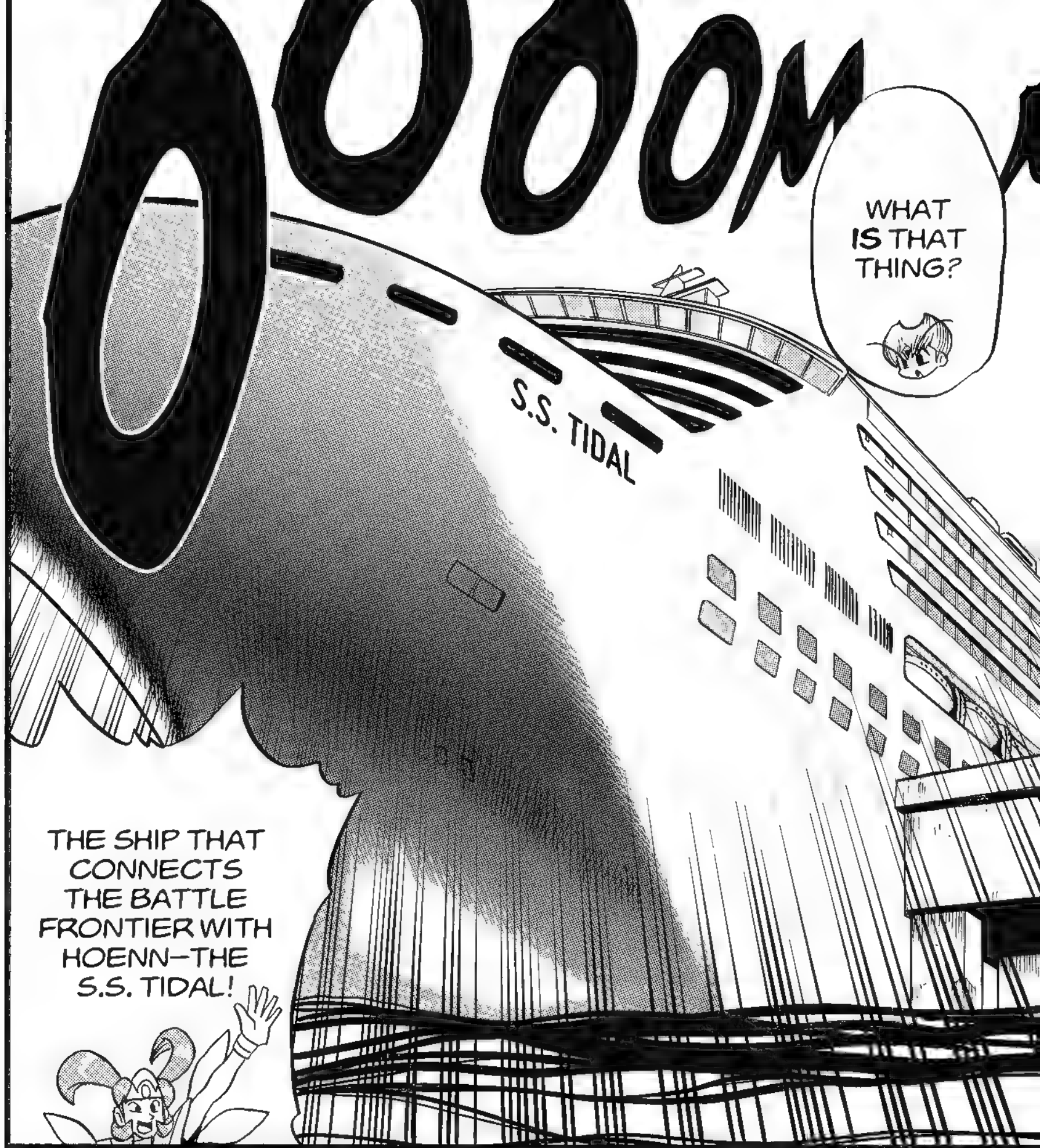






WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT SINCE THAT FIRST DAY...





AND I
WANT A **HUGE**
AUDIENCE FOR
OUR BATTLE!

AHA
HAHA!
I AM
THE
DOME
ACE!



A
BUNCH
OF
PEOPLE
JUST
GOT OFF
THAT
SHIP.
WHO'S
THAT
GUY?



HM...
NEVER
HEARD
OF IT.

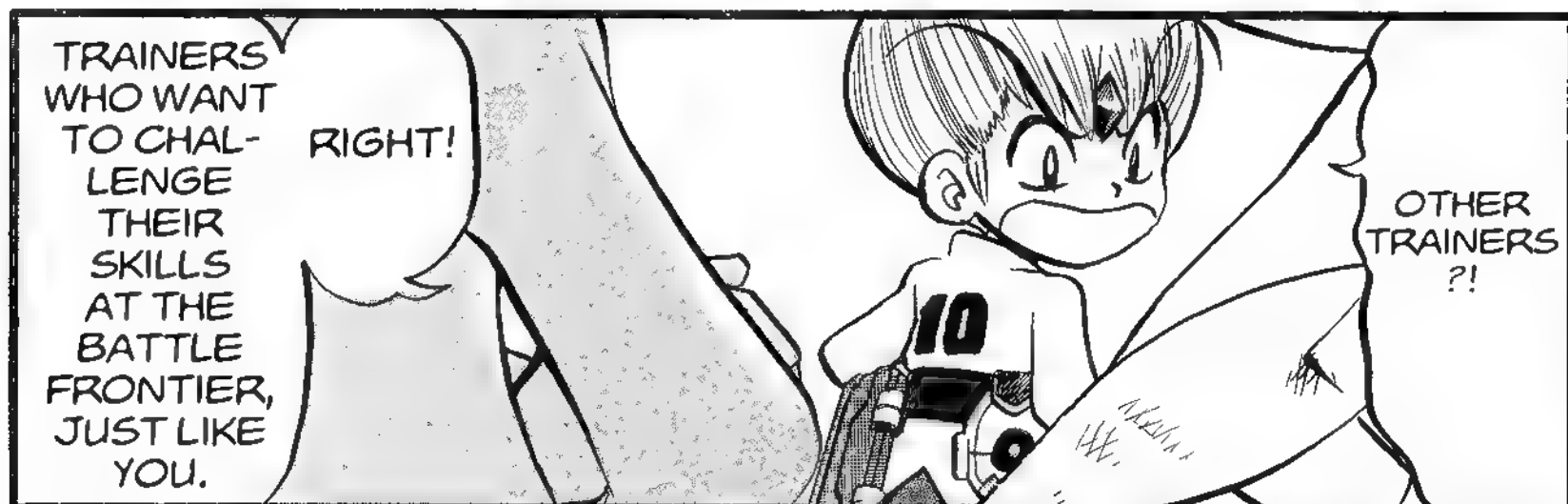
LATIAS
AND LATIOS
FLEW ME
HERE, SO...



WE'VE
INVITED
OTHER
TRAINERS
TO TAKE
PART
IN THE
BATTLE
DOME!



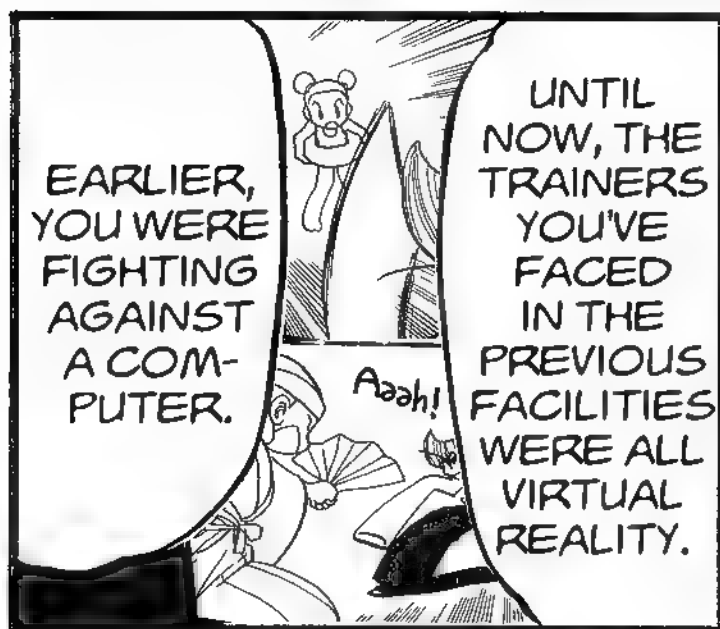
BUT
THAT'S
NOT ALL!
LOOK
CLOSER!



TRAINERS
WHO WANT
TO CHAL-
LENGE
THEIR
SKILLS
AT THE
BATTLE
FRONTIER,
JUST LIKE
YOU.

RIGHT!

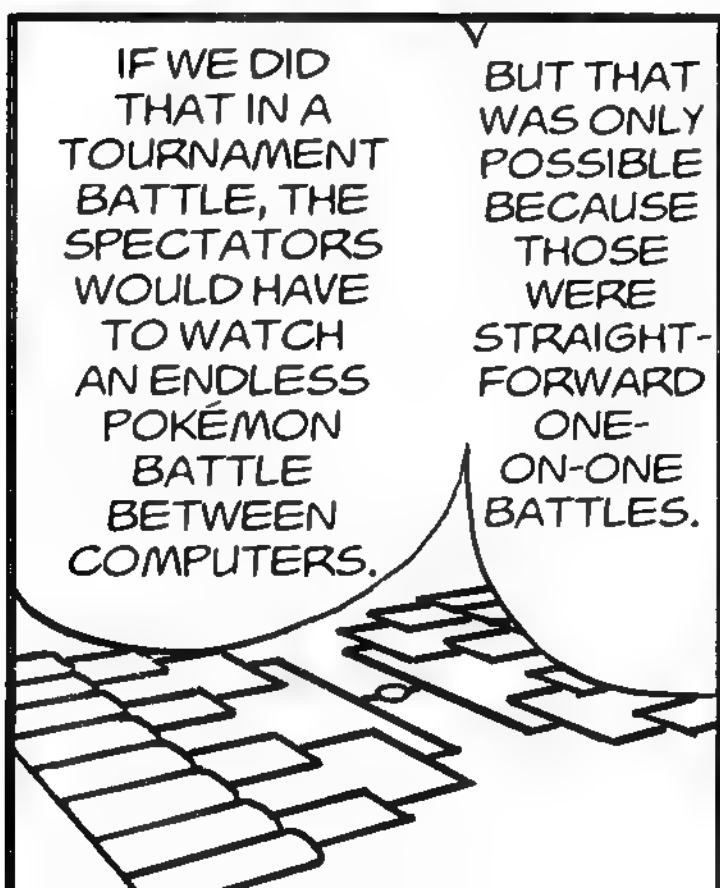
OTHER
TRAINERS
?!



EARLIER,
YOU WERE
FIGHTING
AGAINST
A COM-
PUTER.

Aaah!

UNTIL
NOW, THE
TRAINERS
YOU'VE
FACED
IN THE
PREVIOUS
FACILITIES
WERE ALL
VIRTUAL
REALITY.



IF WE DID
THAT IN A
TOURNAMENT
BATTLE, THE
SPECTATORS
WOULD HAVE
TO WATCH
AN ENDLESS
POKÉMON
BATTLE
BETWEEN
COMPUTERS.

BUT THAT
WAS ONLY
POSSIBLE
BECAUSE
THOSE
WERE
STRAIGHT-
FORWARD
ONE-
ON-ONE
BATTLES.



BECAUSE...
TUCKER'S
FACILITY,
THE BATTLE
DOME...

...IS A TOUR-
NAMENT-
BASED
BATTLE-
GROUND.

HIYA!

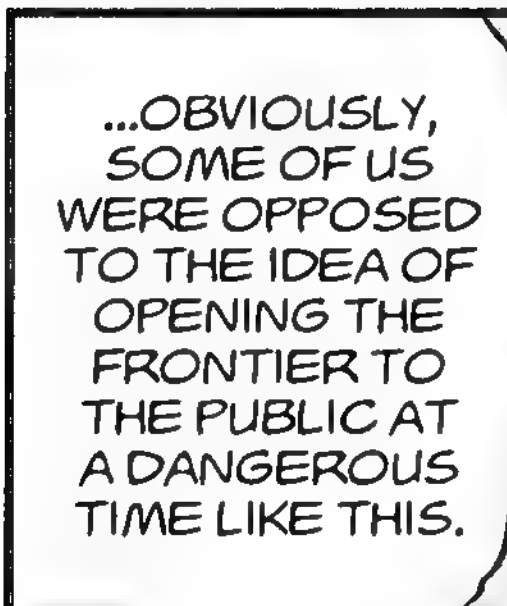


BUT
...

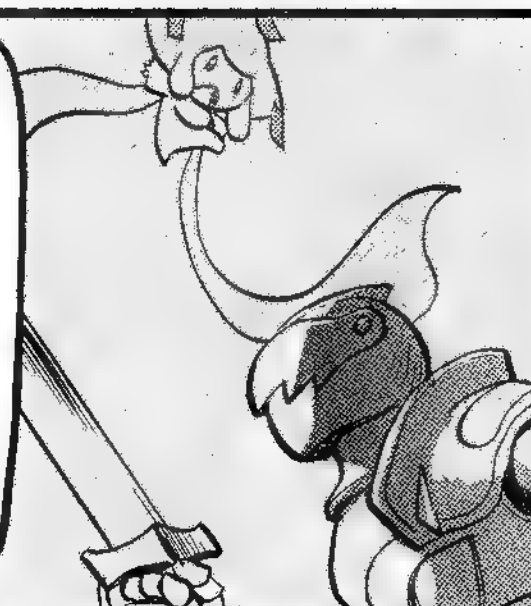


I
SEE.

MR. SCOTT
THOUGHT THAT
WOULD BE
A BORE, SO HE
DECIDED TO ALLOW
OTHER TRAINERS
TO TAKE PART IN THE
BATTLE DOME.



...OBVIOUSLY,
SOME OF US
WERE OPPOSED
TO THE IDEA OF
OPENING THE
FRONTIER TO
THE PUBLIC AT
A DANGEROUS
TIME LIKE THIS.



...BECAUSE
OF THE
JIRACHI AND
GUILF
SITUATION...



COMPUTER
OR REAL
TRAINER...
I JUST HAVE
TO KEEP
WINNING.

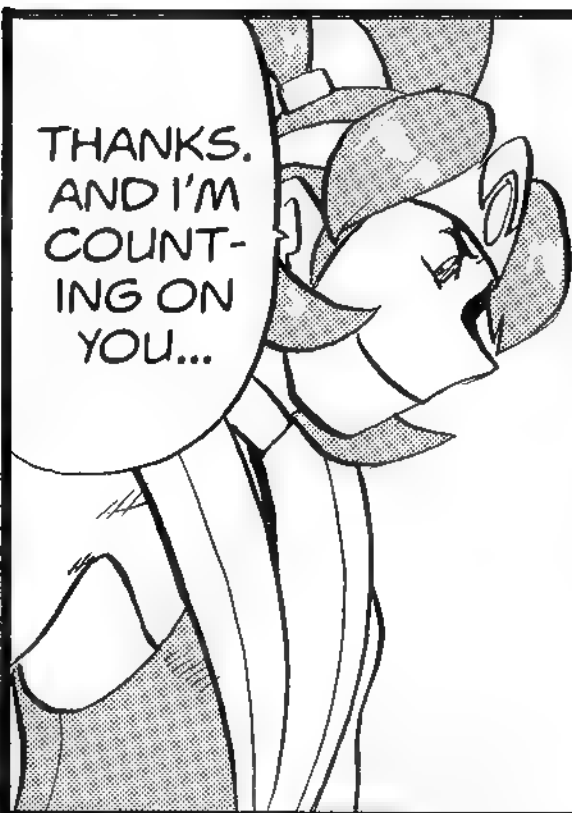
FINE
BY
ME.

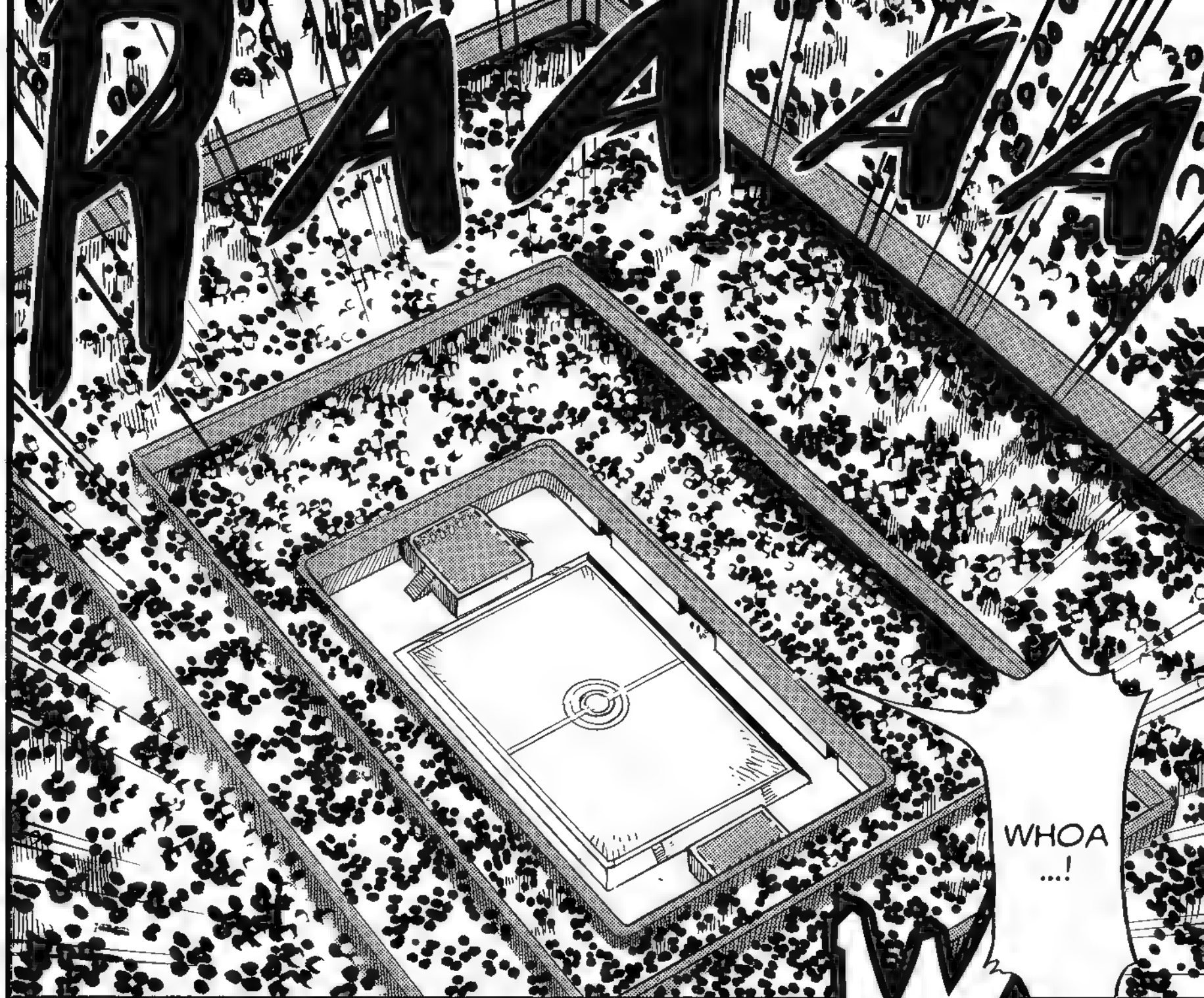
HEH
HEH...
I KNEW
YOU'D
SAY
THAT!



THE FRONTIER
BRAINS WILL
TAKE FULL
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR PROTECT-
ING THE GUESTS
WE INVITED TO
THE BATTLE
FRONTIER!

BUT I
MADE
THE FINAL
CALL.





WHOA
....!



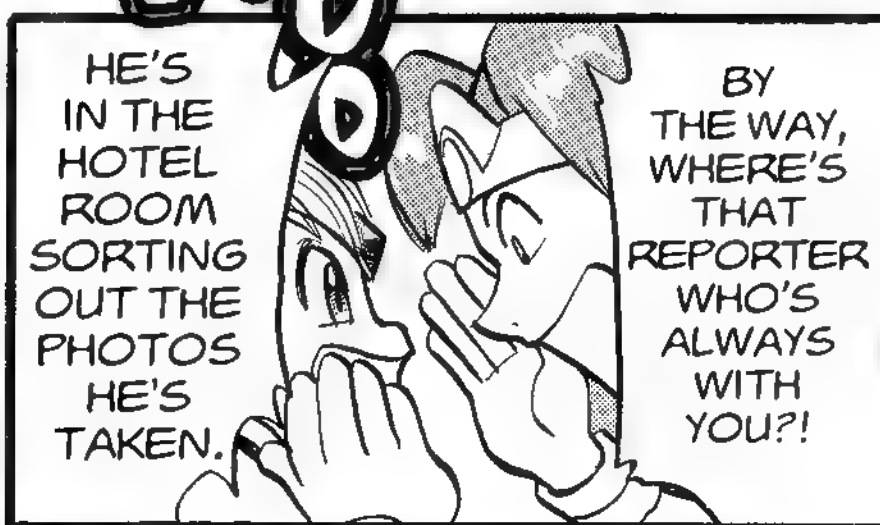
ARE YOU
TELLING
ME HE
WON'T
BE HERE
TO
RECORD
AND
REPORT
ABOUT
MY
BATTLE
?!?

WHAT
....?!



TALK
ABOUT
A
PACKED
DOME!

THERE
ARE SO
MANY
SPECTA-
TORS!



HE'S
IN THE
HOTEL
ROOM
SORTING
OUT THE
PHOTOS
HE'S
TAKEN.

BY
THE WAY,
WHERE'S
THAT
REPORTER
WHO'S
ALWAYS
WITH
YOU?!



I AM
DOME ACE
TUCKER!

HEH HEH...
WELCOME,
EVERYBODY!

WELL, I
GUESS I
SHOULD
GO WAIT
FOR THE
OTHER
TRAINERS.



GRRR!
HE'LL BE
SORRY HE
MISSED
IT!

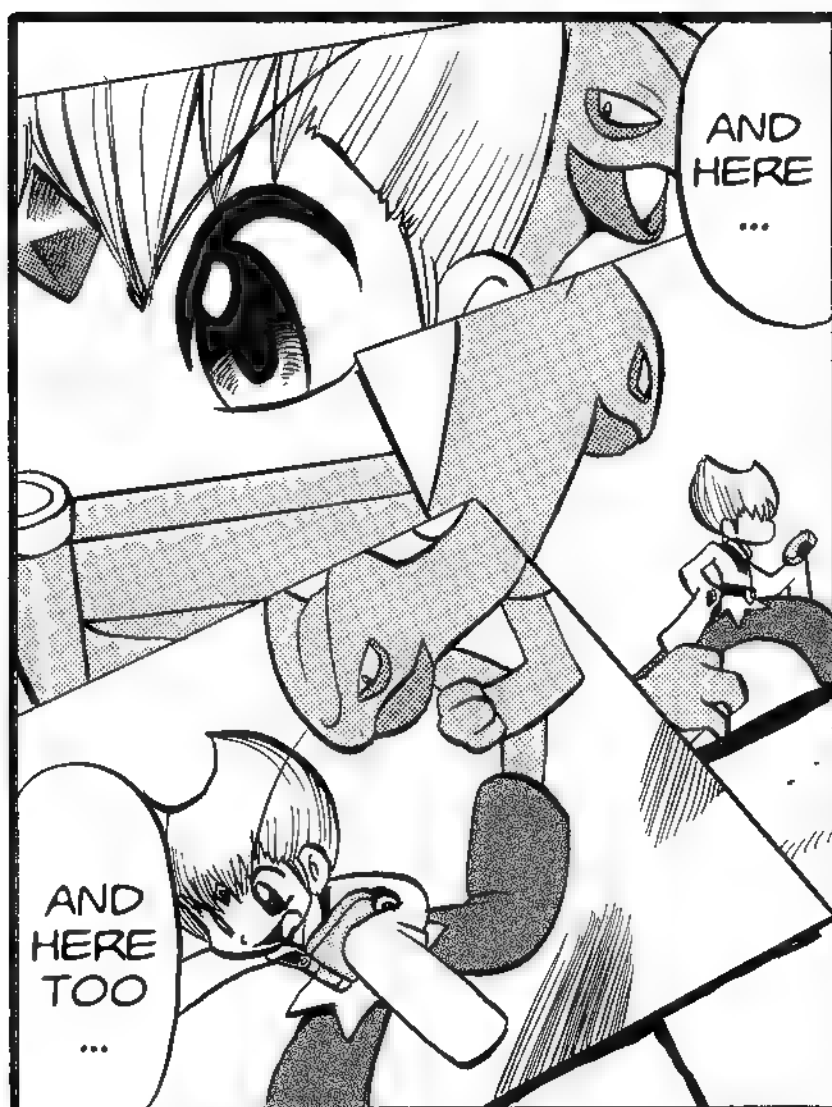
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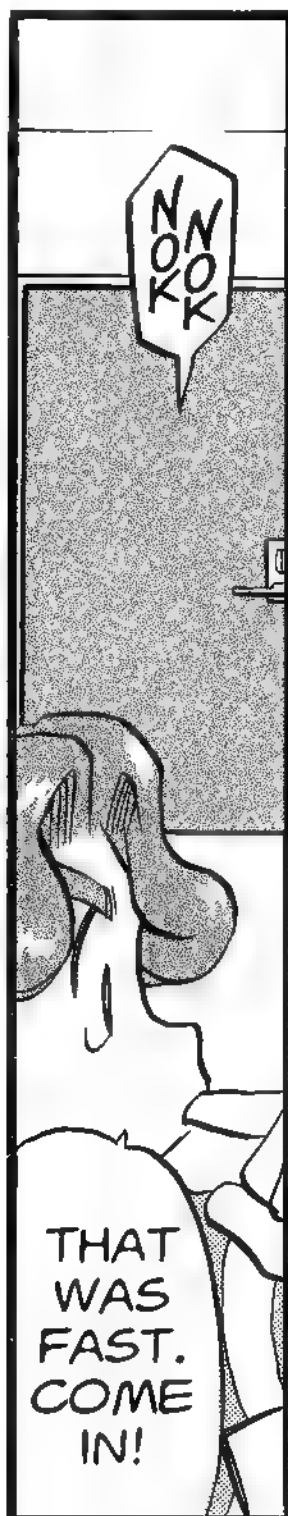
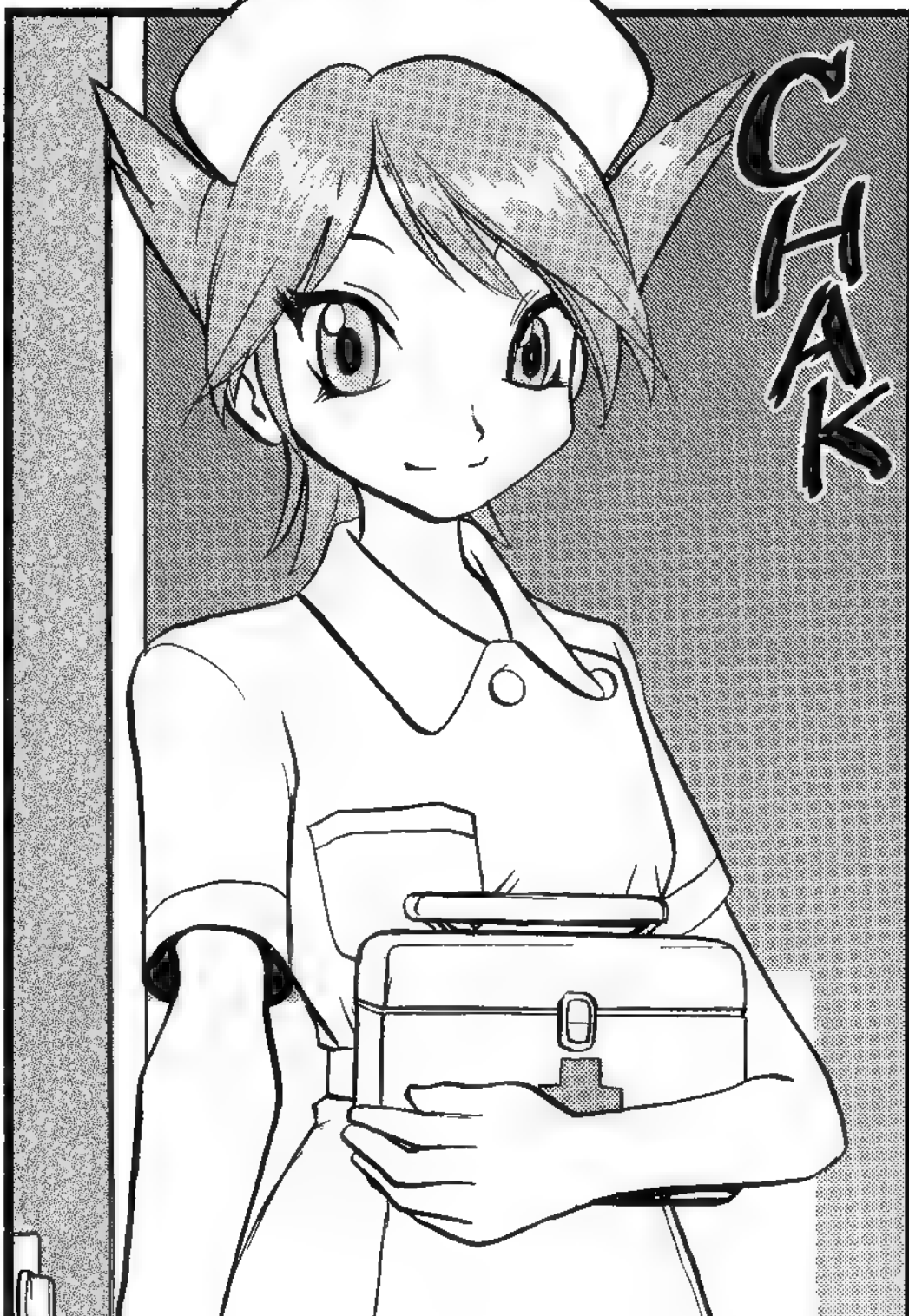
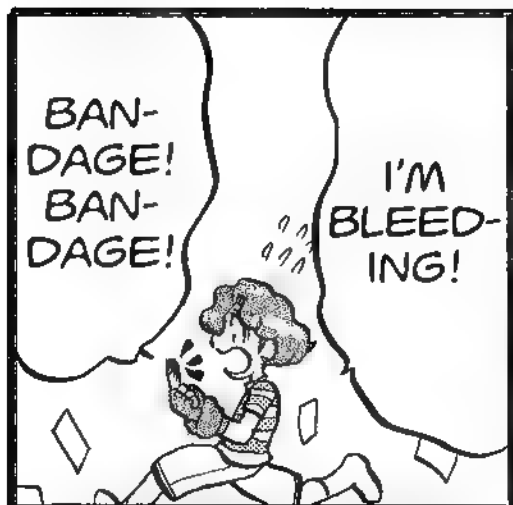


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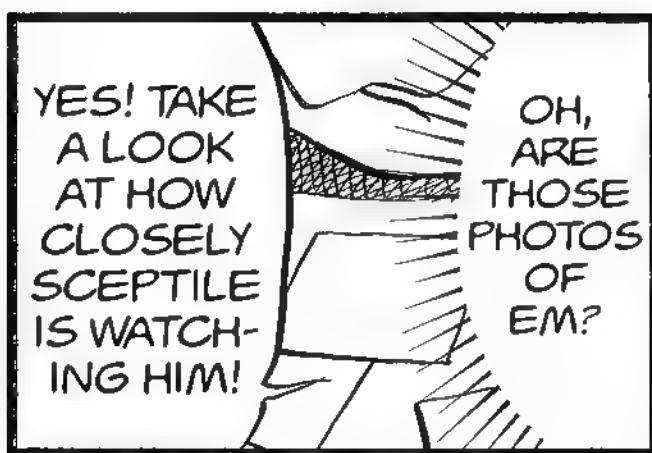
OH!
THEY'RE
ALREADY
HERE!







OKAY,
SHOW
ME YOUR
FINGER...



YES! TAKE
A LOOK
AT HOW
CLOSELY
SCEPTILE
IS WATCH-
ING HIM!

OH,
ARE
THOSE
PHOTOS
OF
EM?



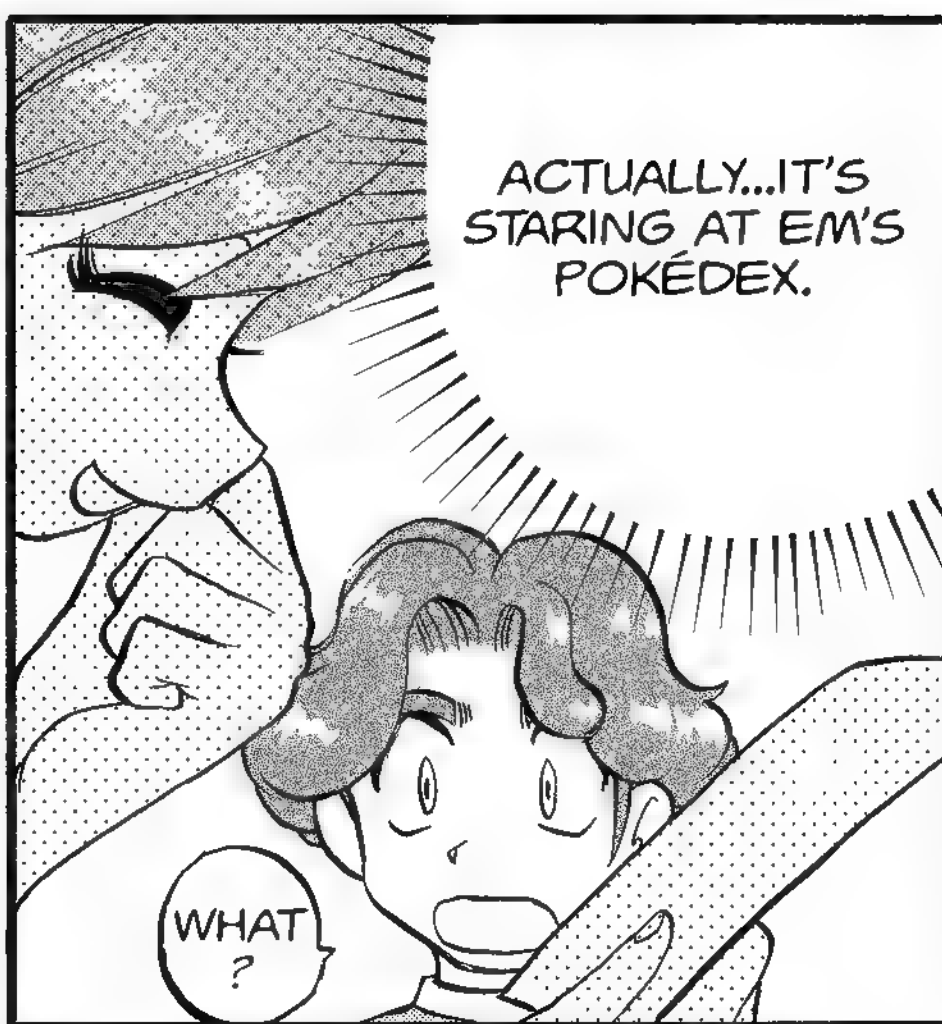
UH-HUH.
EM ASKED
ME TO
FIND THE
ARMORED
MAN.

OH, IT'S
YOU...IN
DISGUISE
AGAIN.



YES.
THAT'S
WHAT IT
LOOKS
LIKE TO
ME.

THE
POKÉ-
DEX?!
NOT
EMER-
ALD?

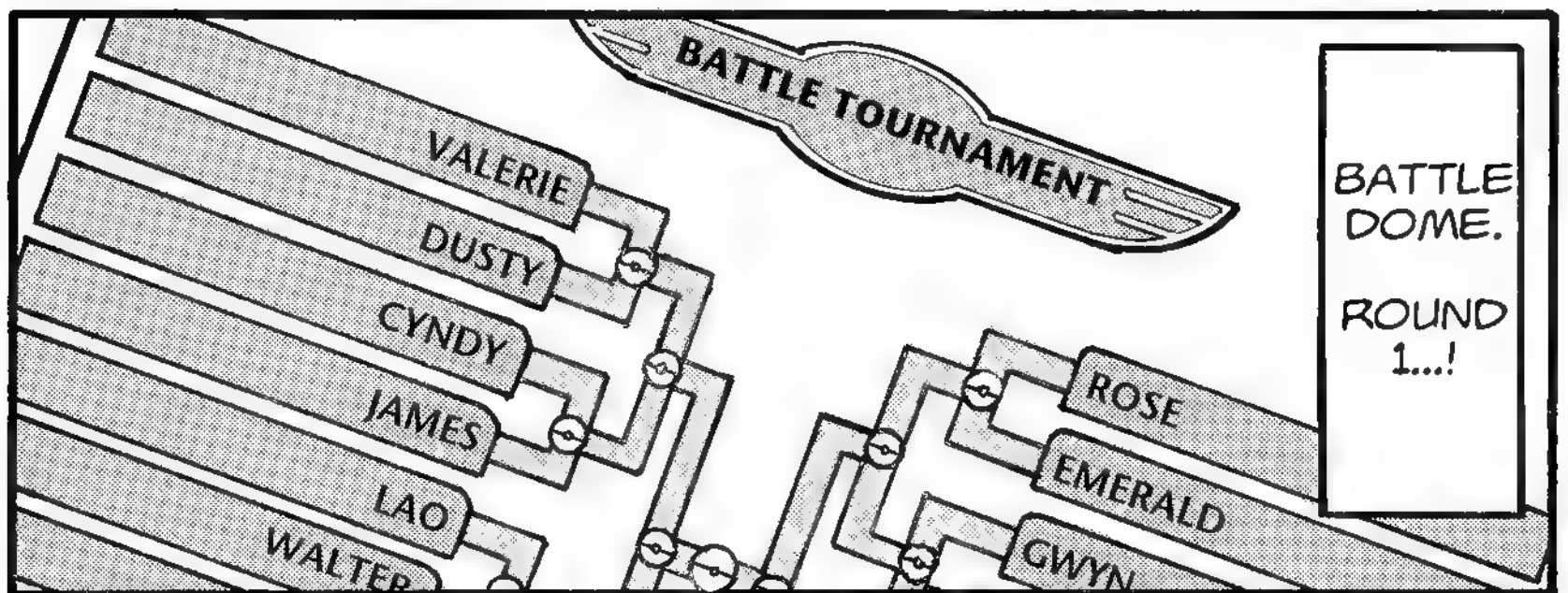


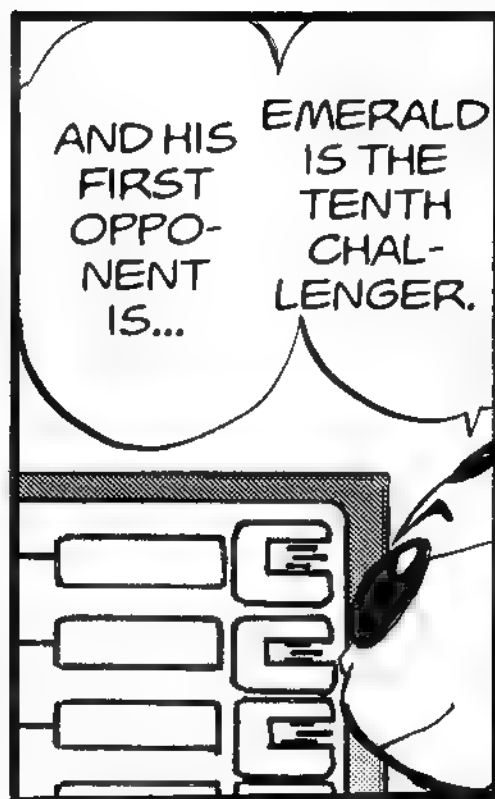
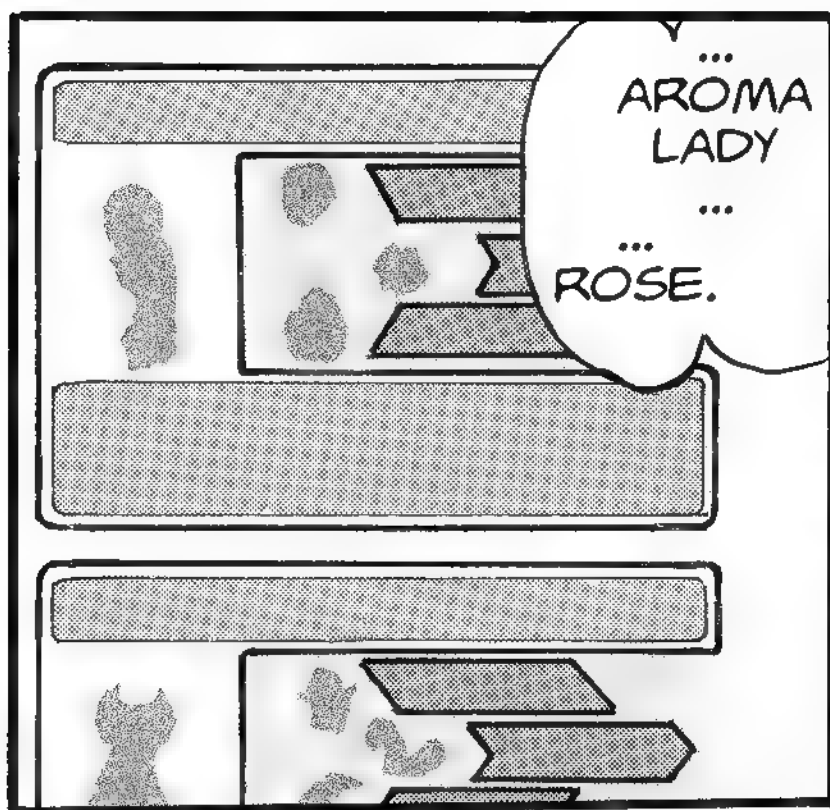
ACTUALLY...IT'S
STARING AT EM'S
POKÉDEX.

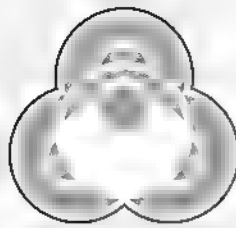
WHAT
?



SCEPTILE DOESN'T
CARE ABOUT EM, BUT
IT REALLY WANTS HIS
POKÉDEX.







DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

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OWNER:
SCOTT

FACILITY RULES

BATTLE DOME 3

■ ABOUT THE TRAINER RANK ■

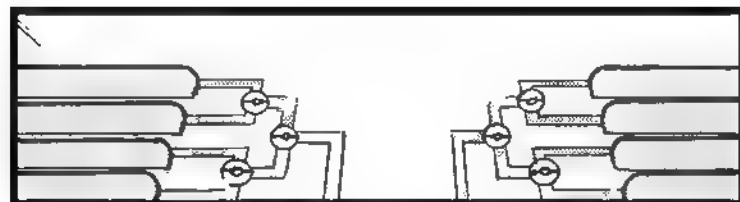
Trainer Rank: The first line on the Trainer card describes the rank of the opposing Trainer.

→ Please refer to the chart on the right during the tournament.

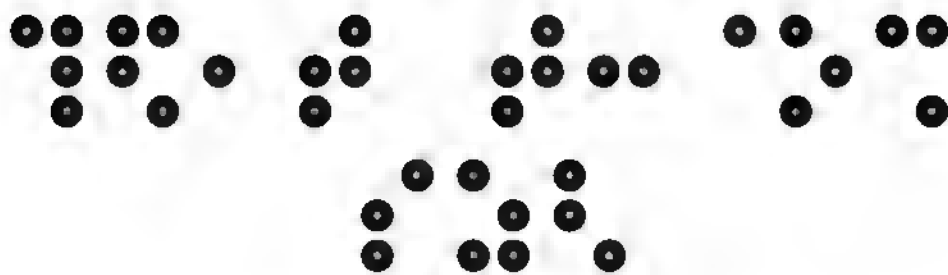
■ DOUBLE KNOCKOUT ■

In the Battle Dome, if both Trainers are knocked out, the Trainer who is ranked highest wins the battle.

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| ↑ High Ranking | - The best candidate to be the champ |
| | - A sure-finalist team |
| | - A likely top-three finisher |
| | - A team with top-class potential |
| | - A candidate to finish first |
| | - The dark horse team this tournament |
| | - A better-than-average team |
| | - This tournament's average team |
| | - A team with average potential |
| | - A weaker-than-average team |
| | - A team looking for its first win |
| | - One win will make this team proud |
| | - Overall, a weak team |
| | - A team with very low potential |
| ↓ Low Ranking | - A team unlikely to win the tournament |
| | - The team most unlikely to win |

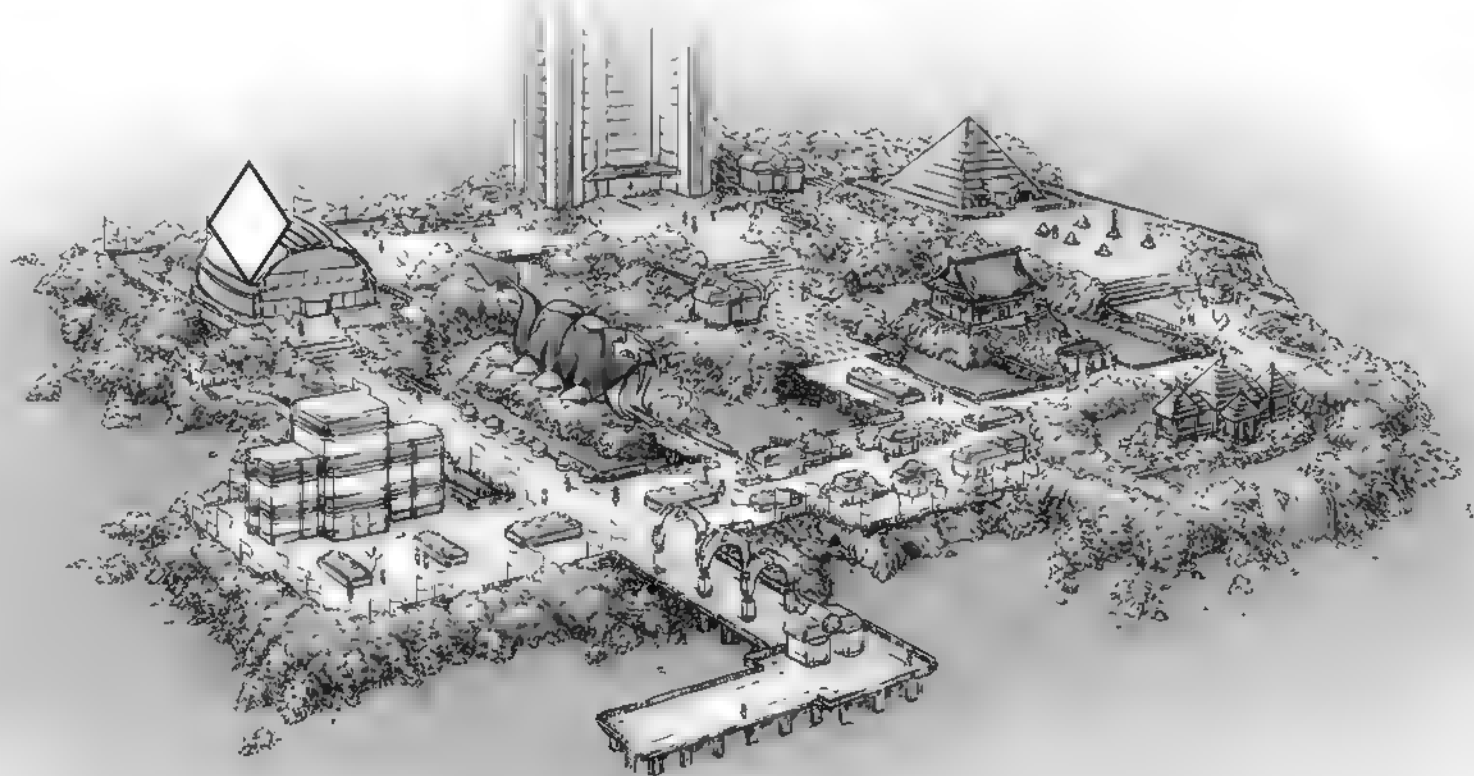


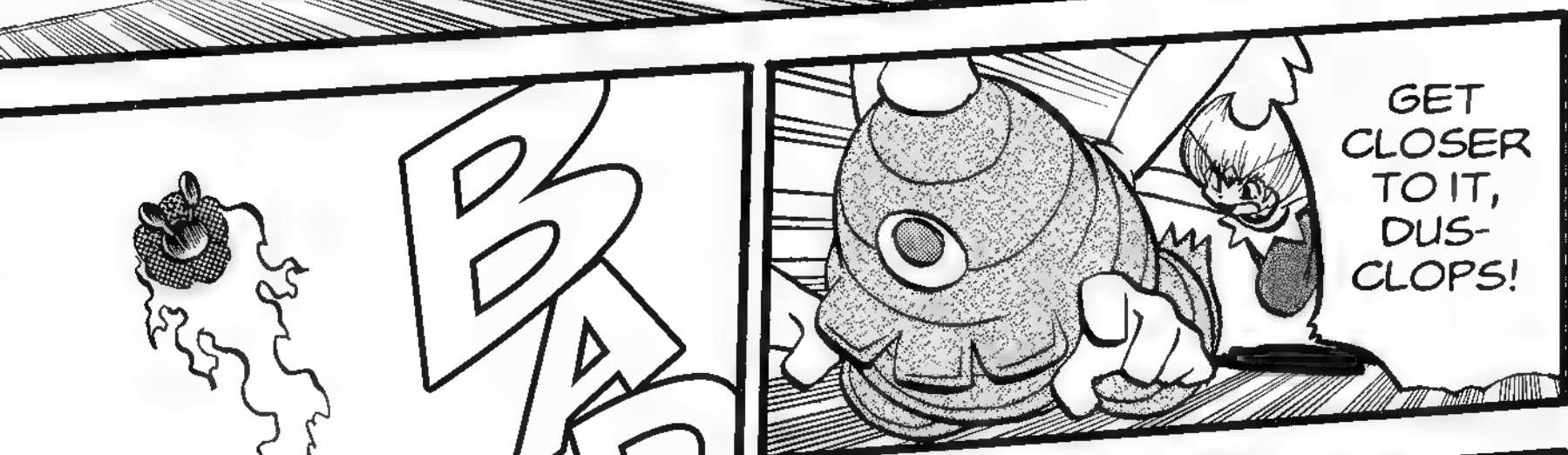
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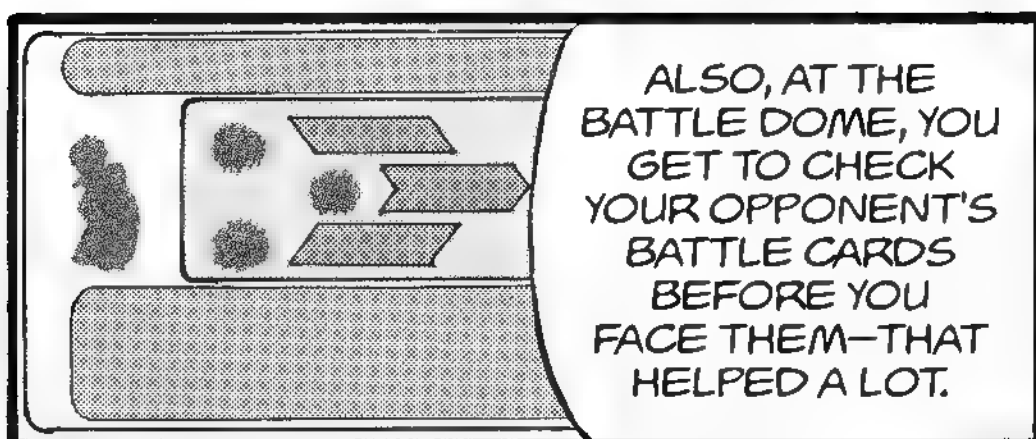
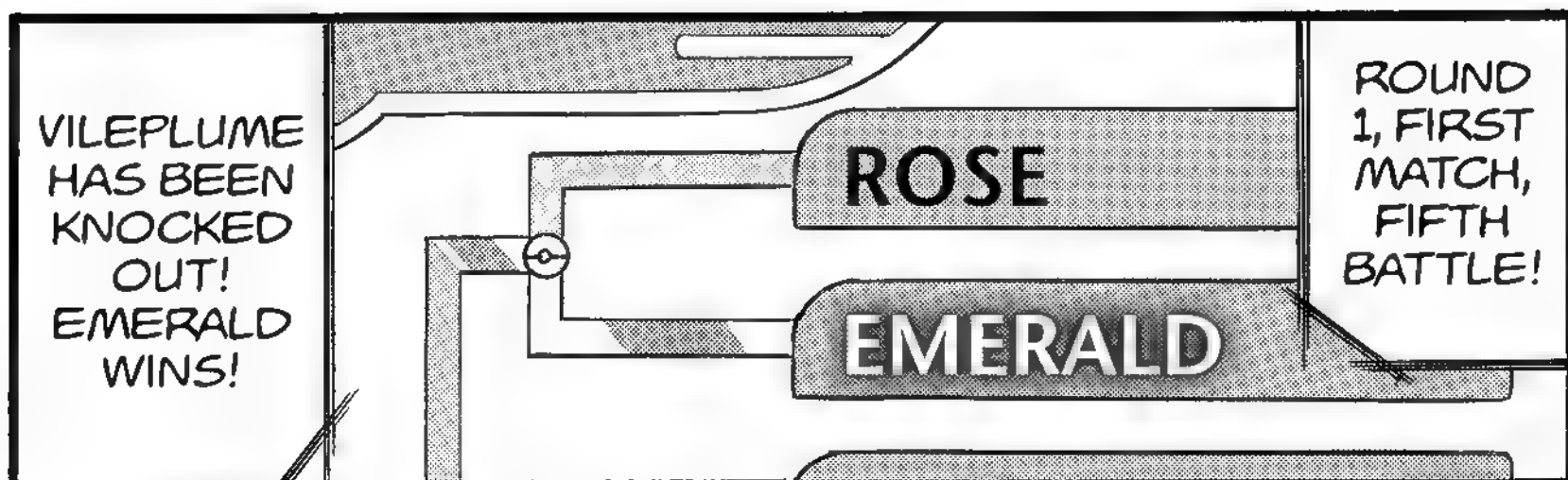


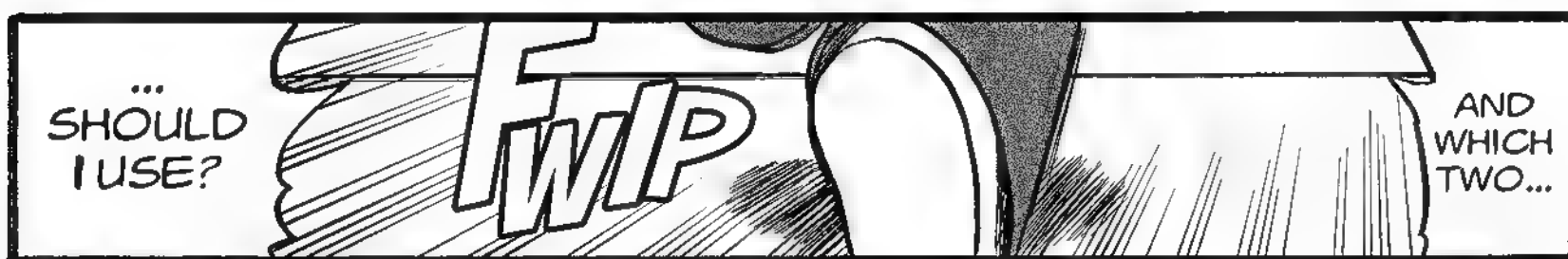
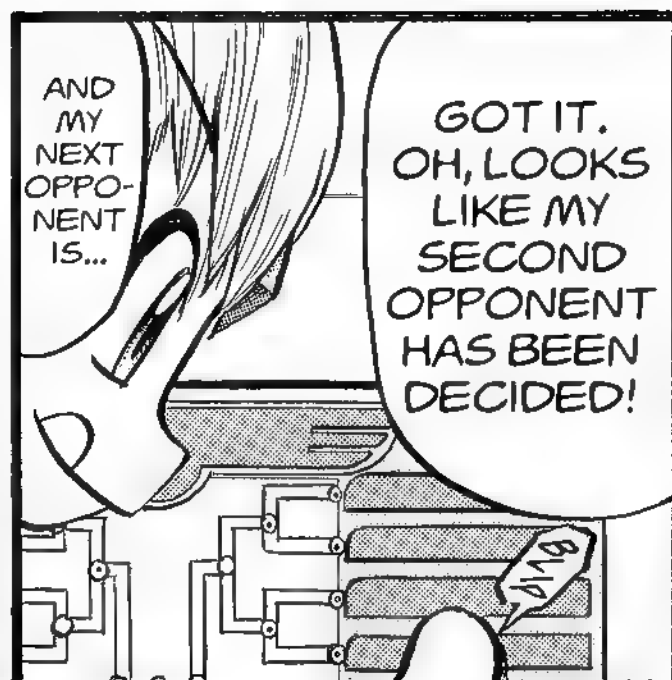
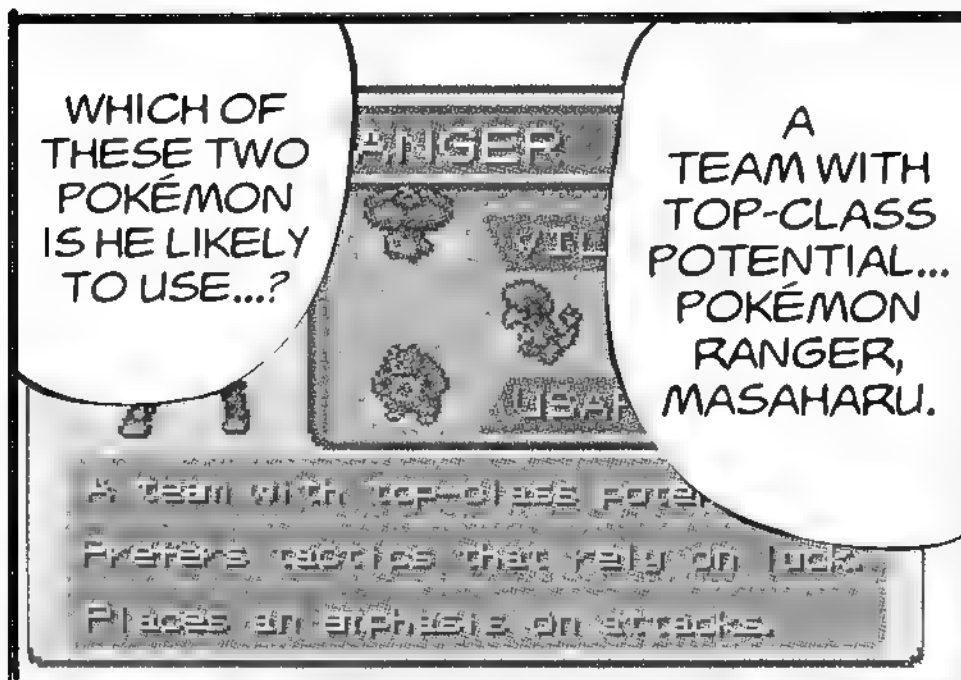
Verily Vanquishing Vileplume

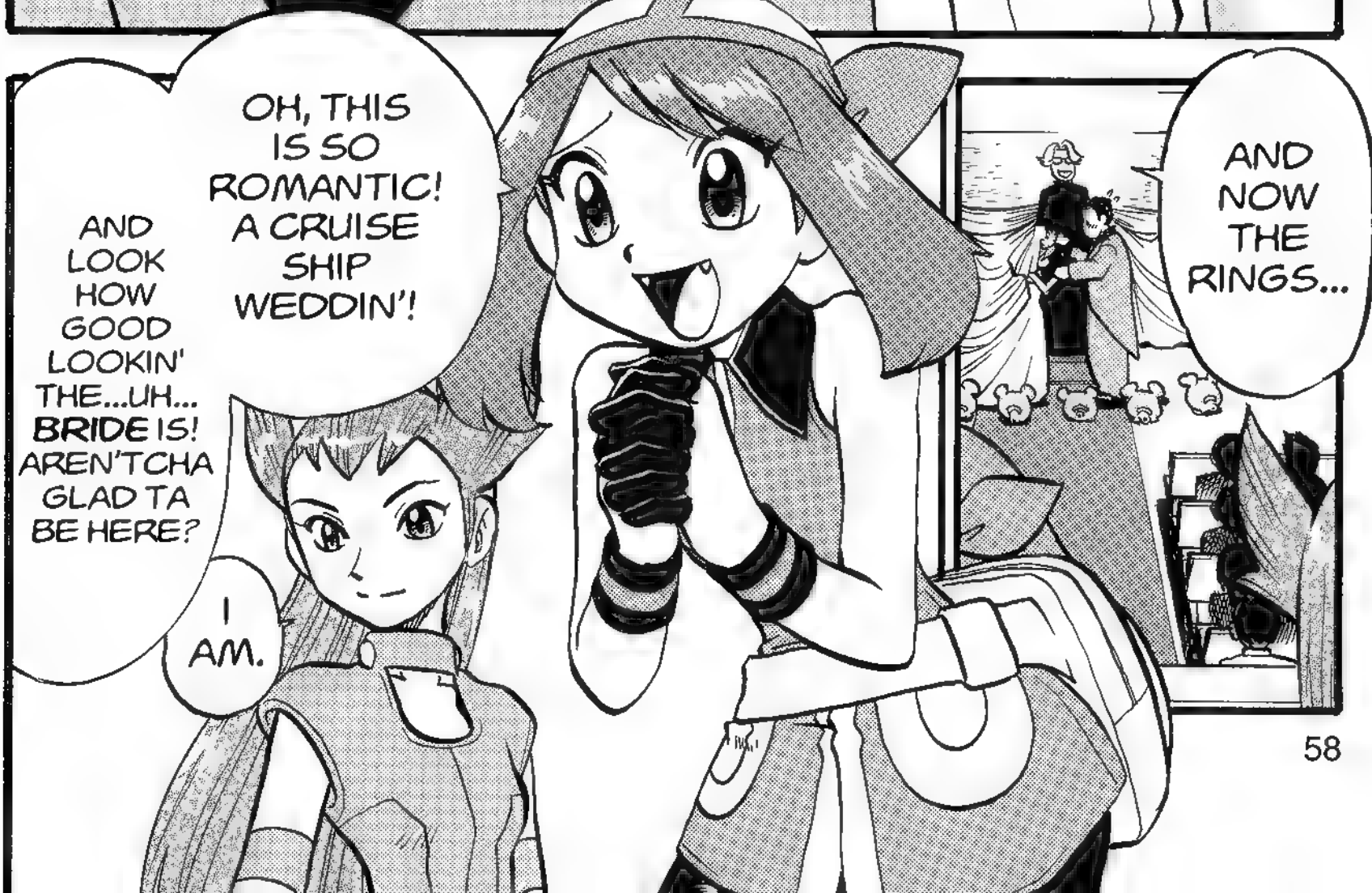
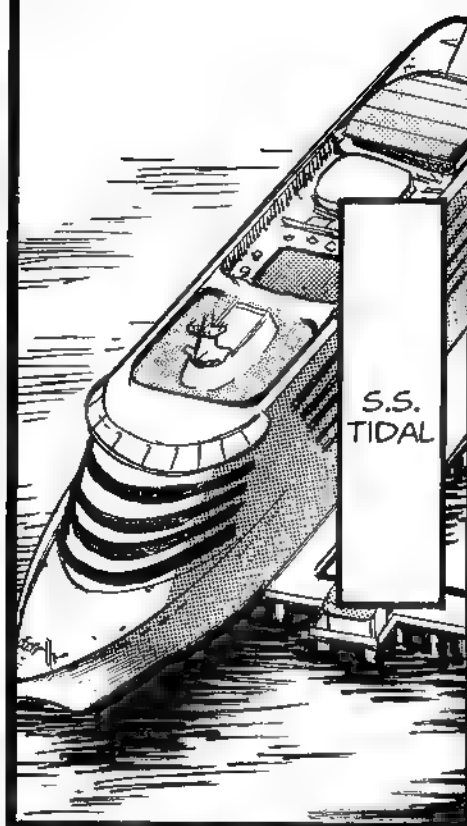
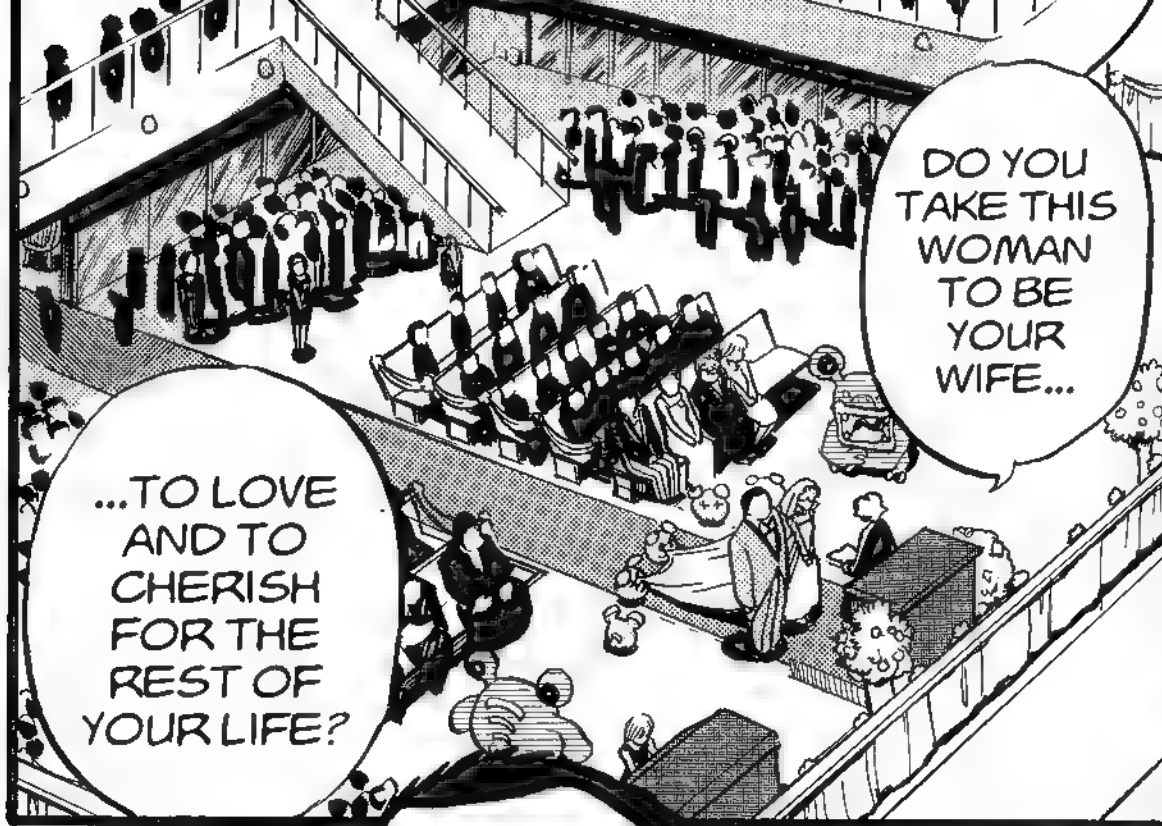
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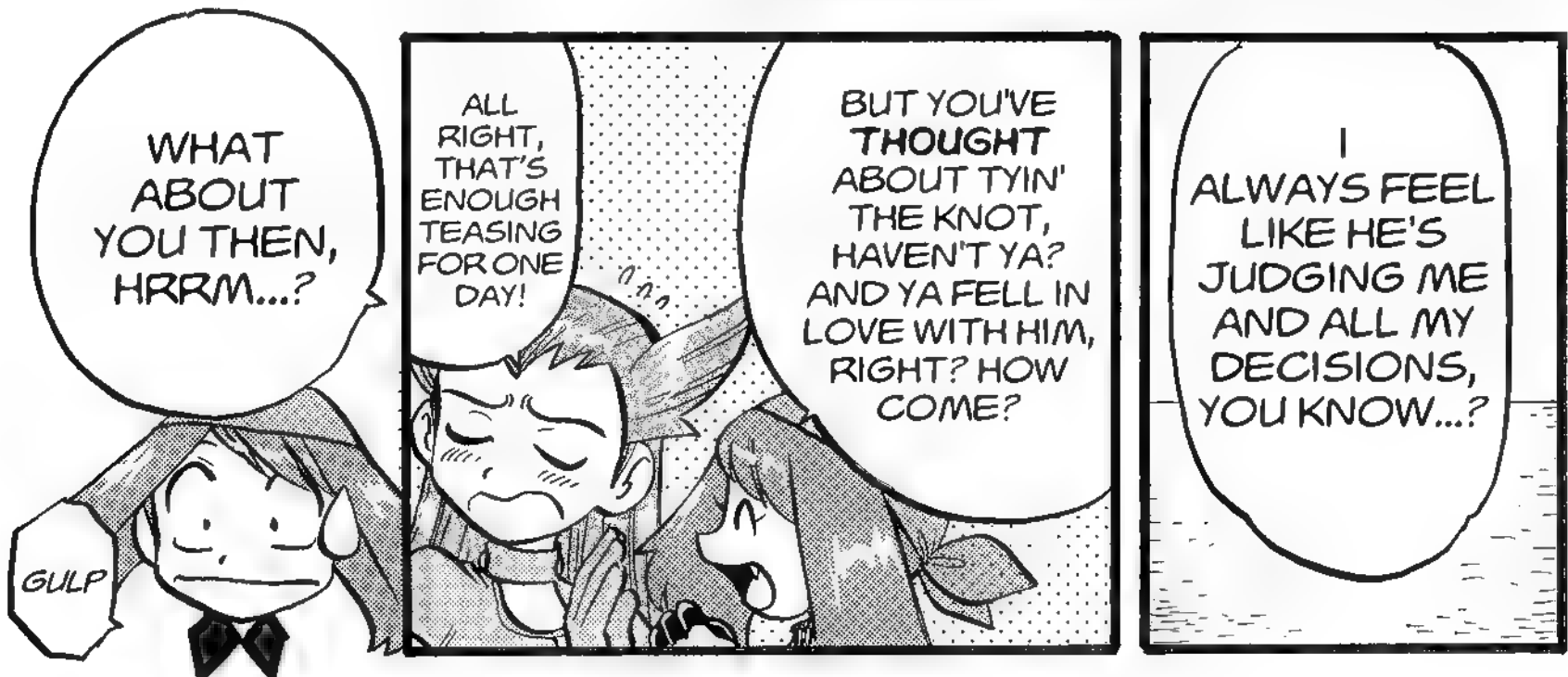
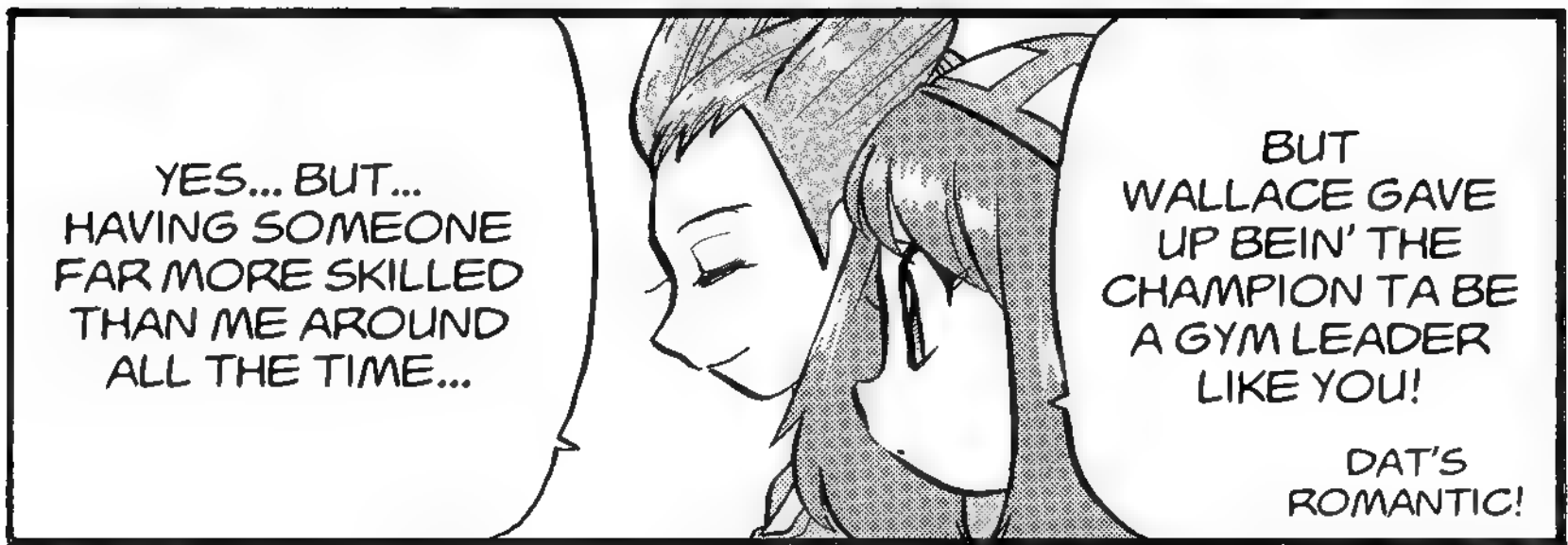
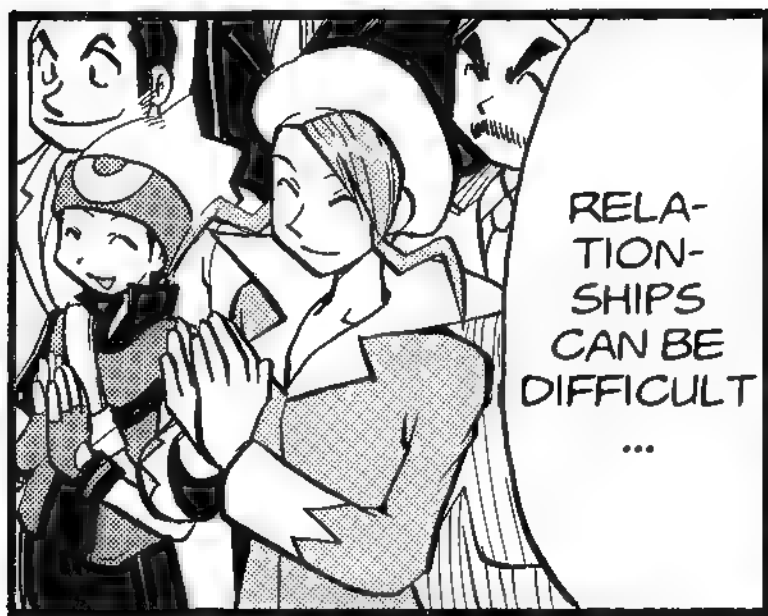
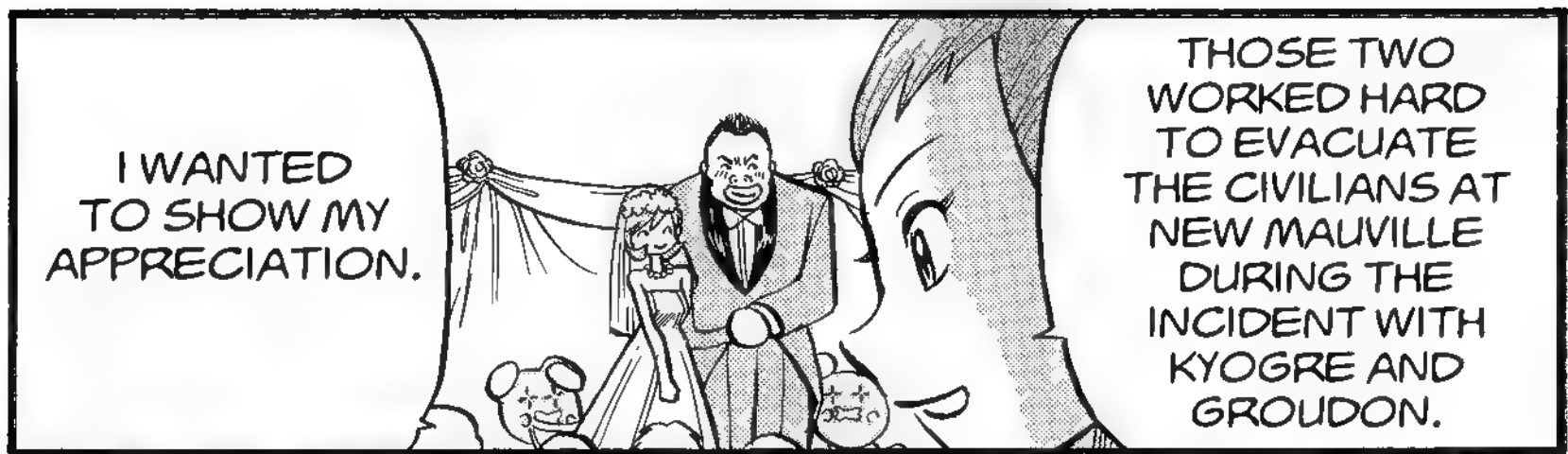


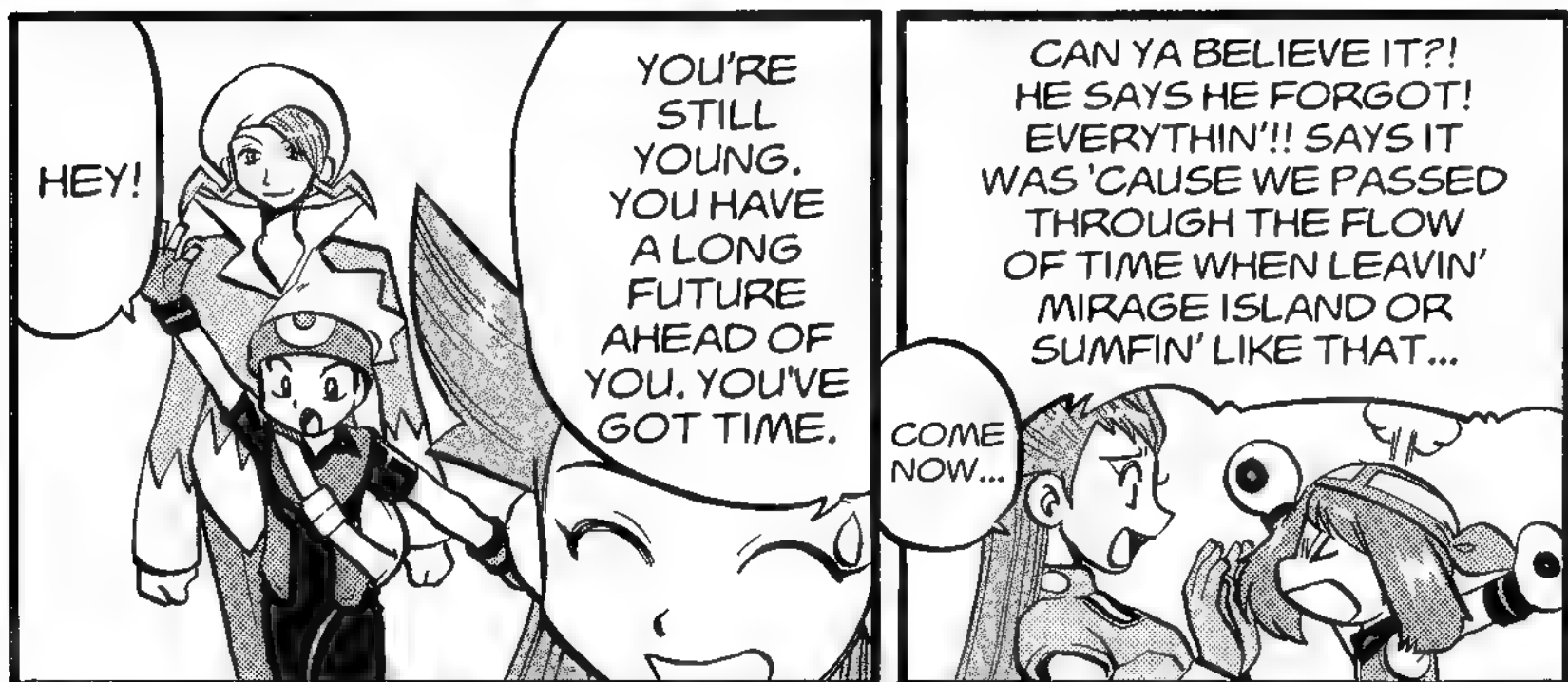
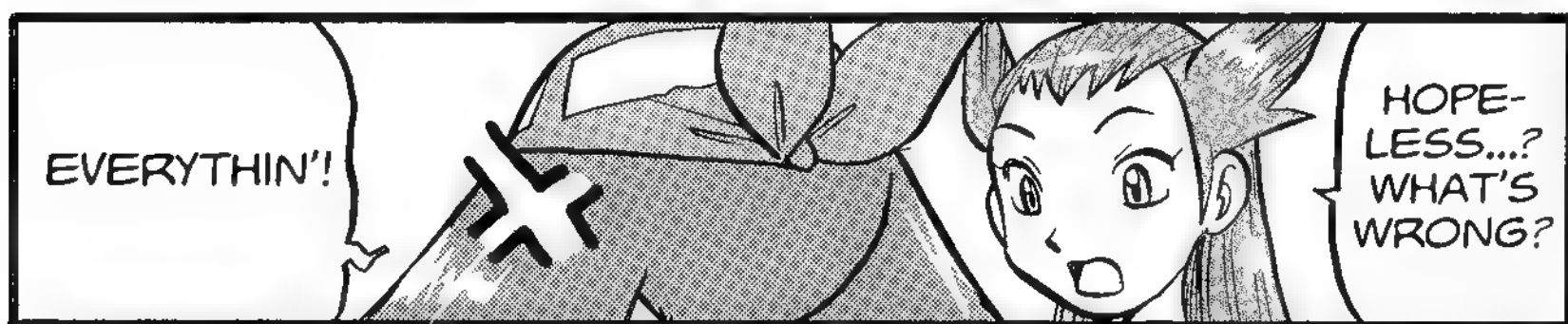


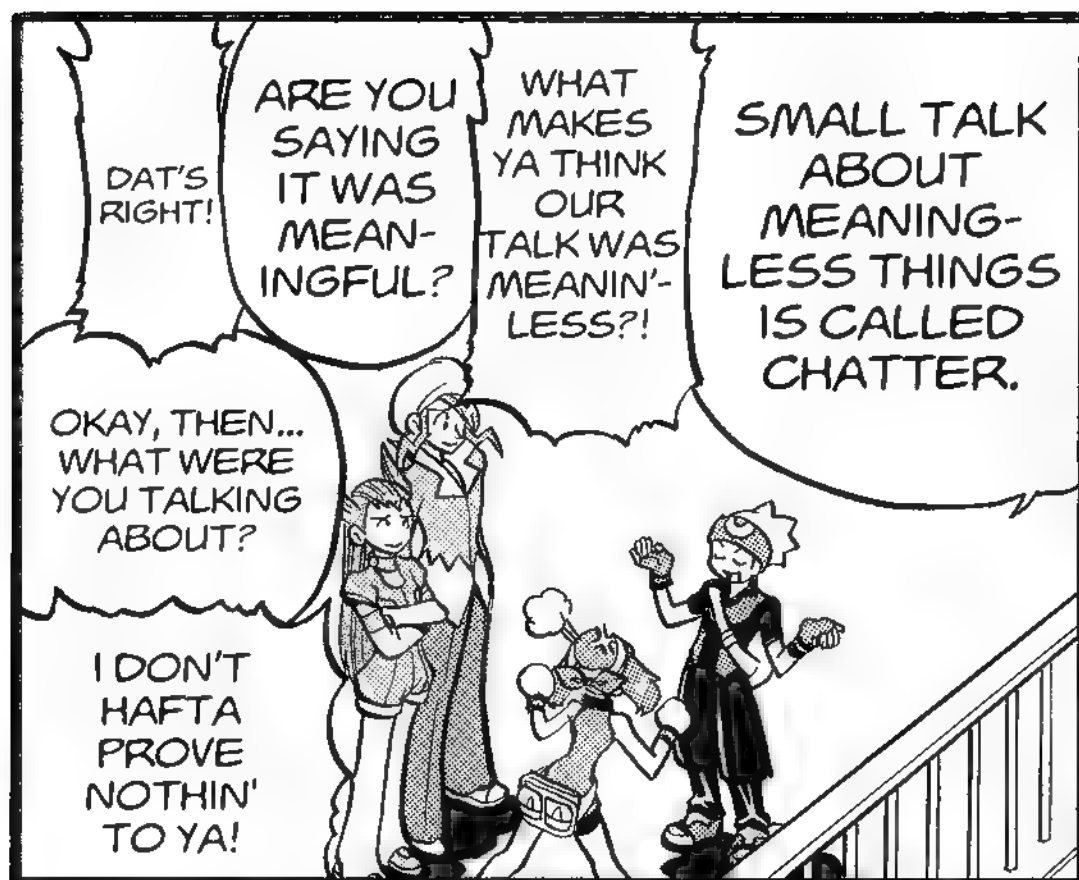












DAT'S RIGHT!

ARE YOU SAYING IT WAS MEANINGFUL?

WHAT MAKES YA THINK OUR TALK WAS MEANIN'-LESS?!

SMALL TALK ABOUT MEANING-LESS THINGS IS CALLED CHATTER.

OKAY, THEN... WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I DON'T HAFTA PROVE NOTHIN' TO YA!



WE AIN'T CHAT-TERIN'!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO CHAT-TERING ABOUT?



...YOU TWO HAVE A MISSION TO ACCOMPLISH, DON'T YOU?

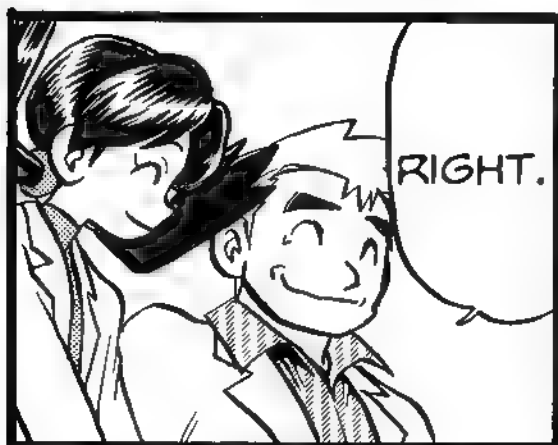
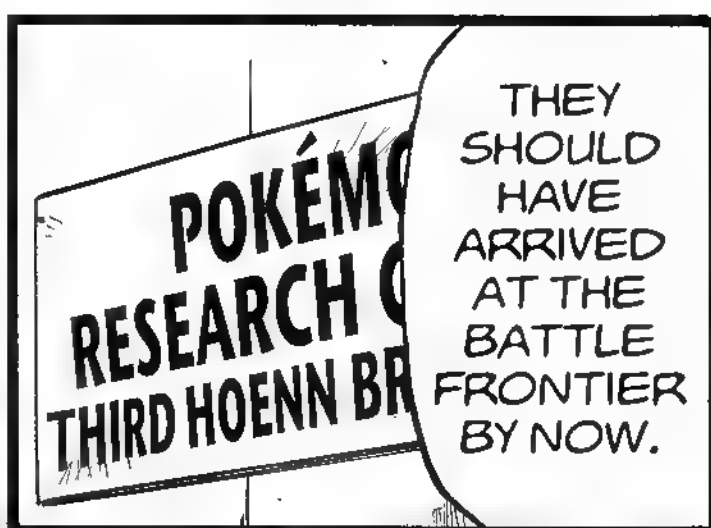
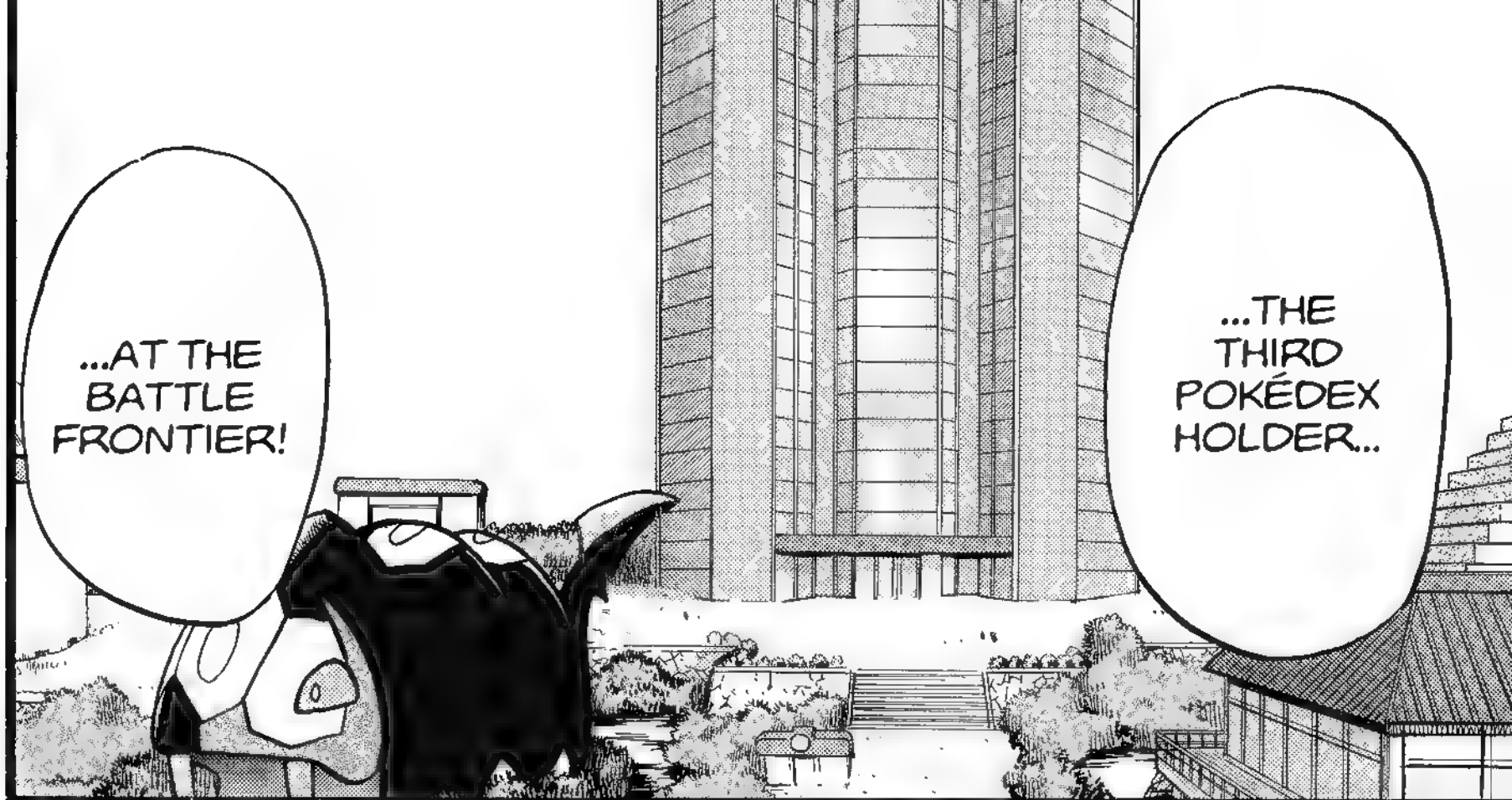
NOW, NOW... CALM DOWN. WINONA AND I ARE GOING TO THE BANQUET AFTER THIS, BUT...

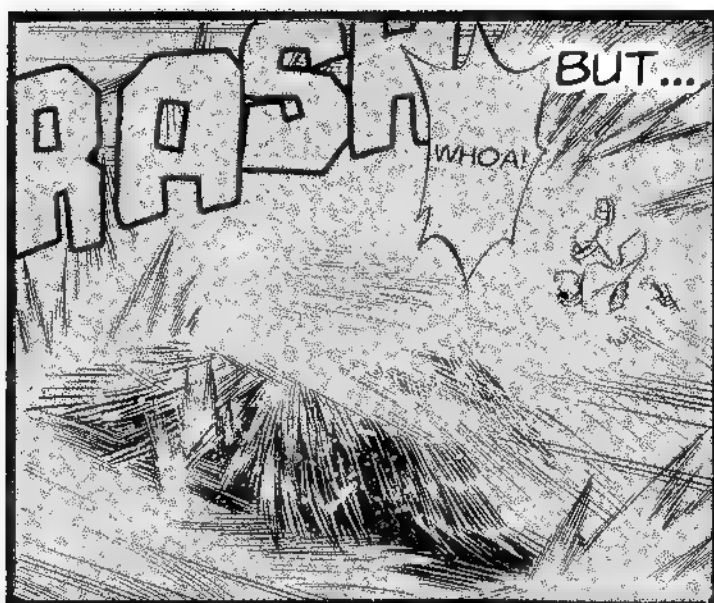
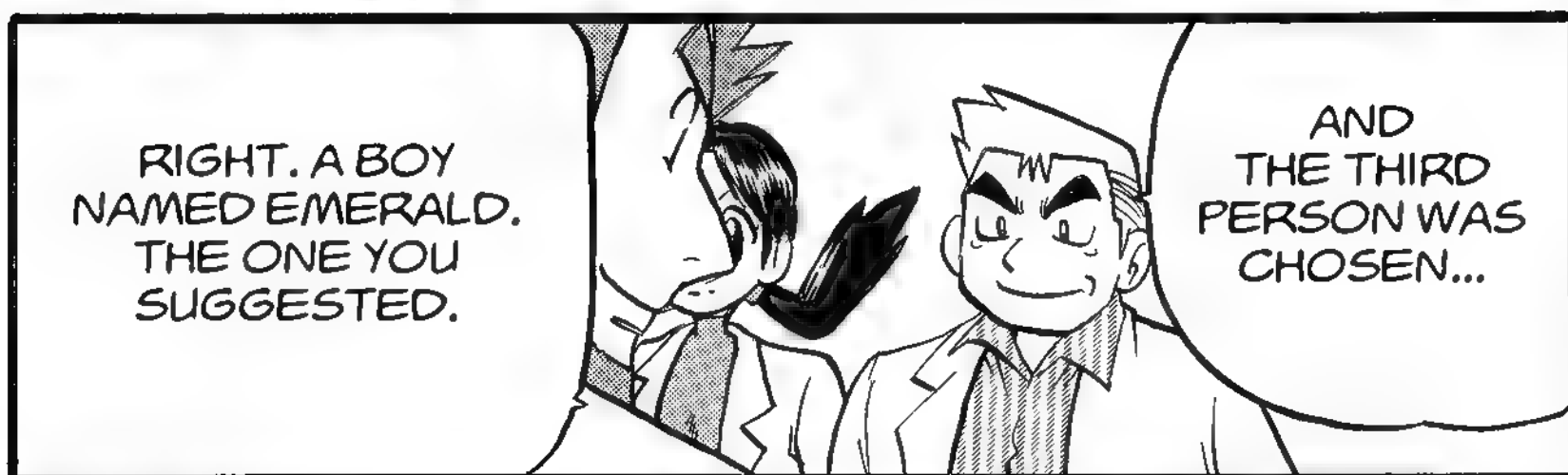
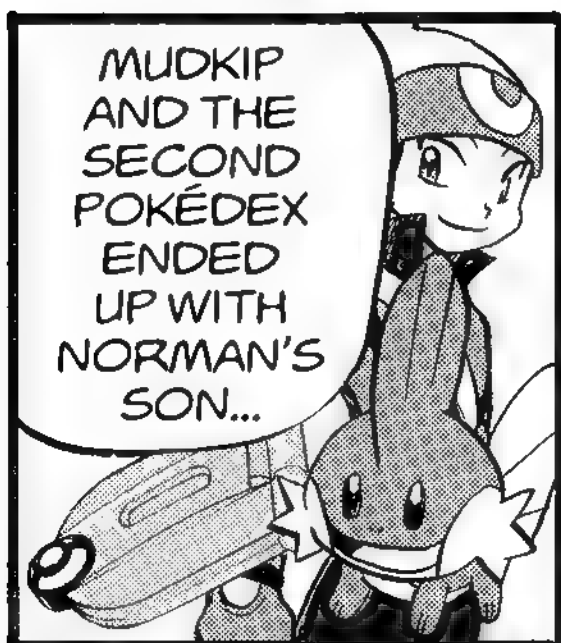
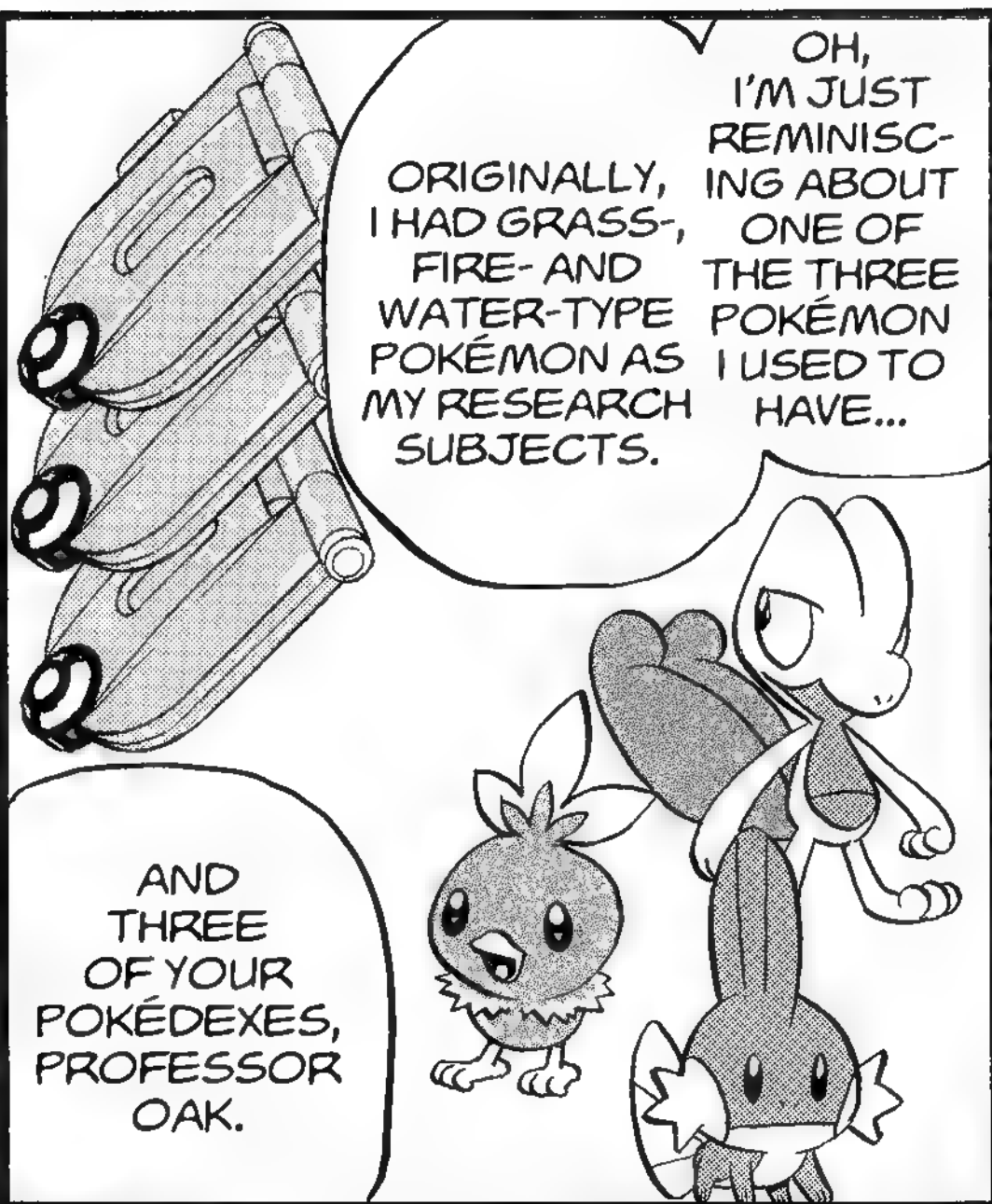


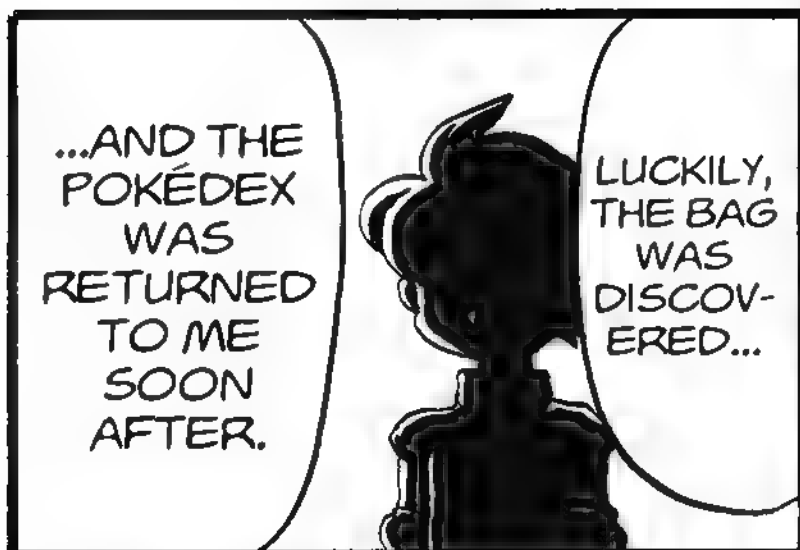
YES, MASTER! WE'RE GOING TO ENTER THE BATTLE DOME TOURNAMENT AS ORDINARY TRAINERS!

THAT'S RIGHT!

AND WE'LL GET TO MEET...





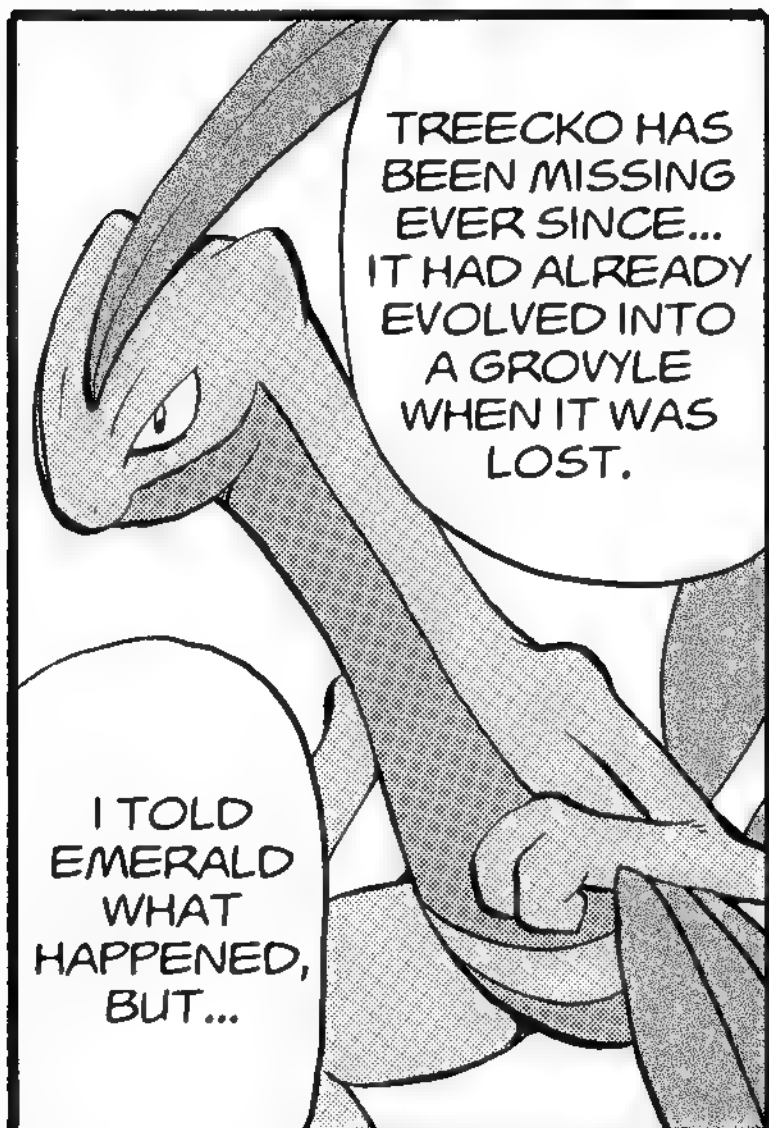


...AND THE
POKÉDEX
WAS
RETURNED
TO ME
SOON
AFTER.

LUCKILY,
THE BAG
WAS
DISCOVERED...



I LOST MY
BAG WITH
TREECKO AND
THE POKÉDEX
IN THE STORM
THAT HIT
HOENN!



TREECKO HAS
BEEN MISSING
EVER SINCE...
IT HAD ALREADY
EVOLVED INTO
A GROVYLE
WHEN IT WAS
LOST.

I TOLD
EMERALD
WHAT
HAPPENED,
BUT...



Dear Professor Birch
I found this Pokédex
and feel it should be
to its rightful owner
so I th

But I lost the Treecko!
We were blown away
by the blast when
Rayquaza woke up an



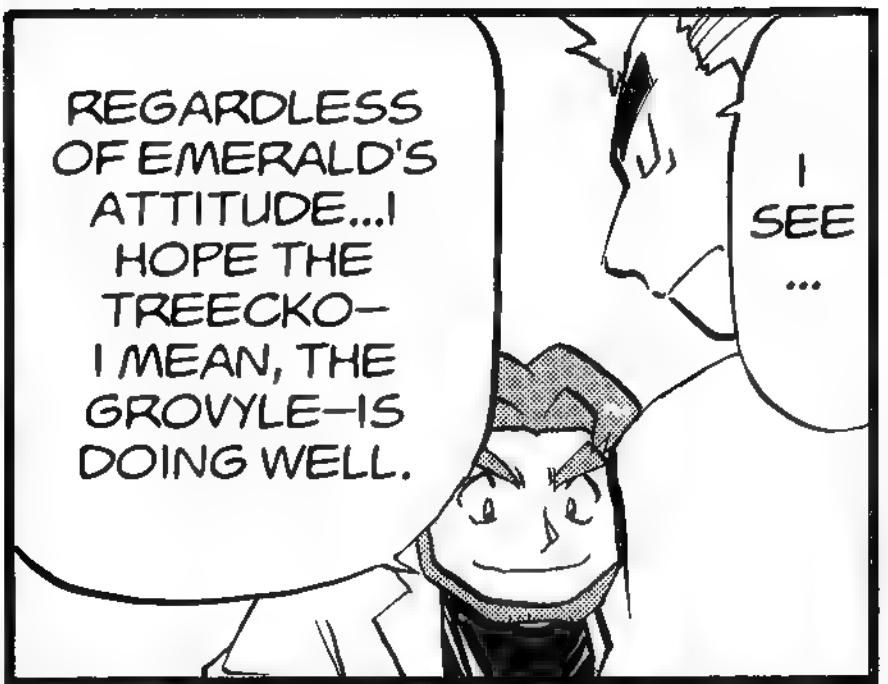
I DON'T
KEEP ANY
POKÉMON
OF MY OWN
ANYWAY!

OH,
THAT'S
OKAY!



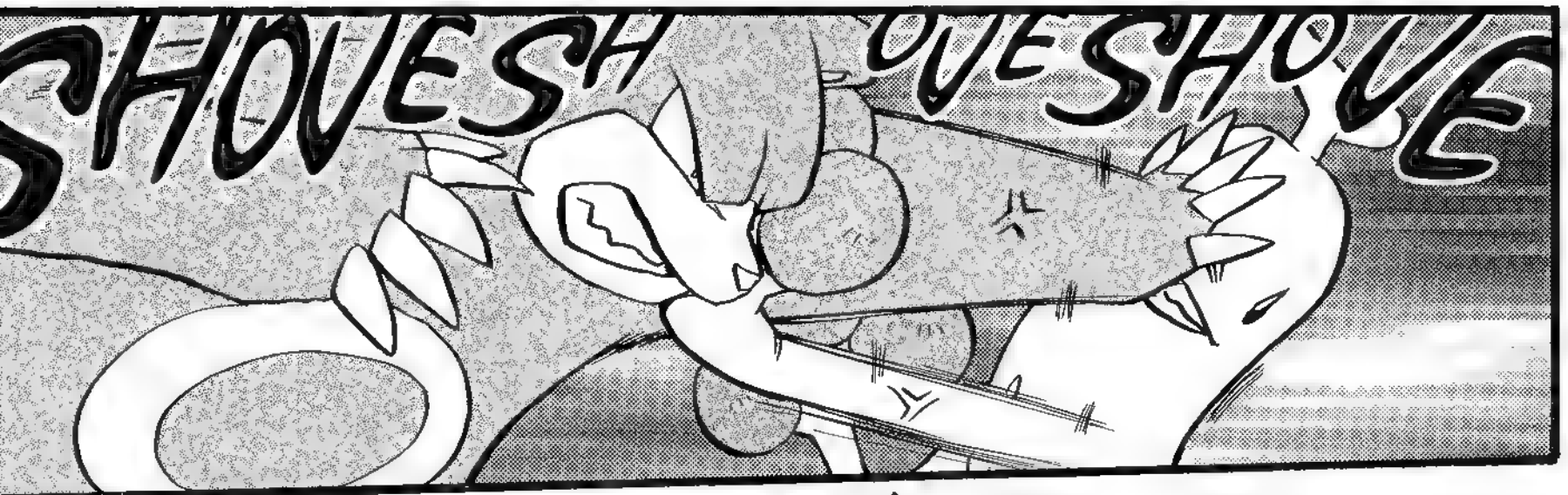
RIGHT ...

IF IT HAS
RETURNED
TO THE WILD
THAT'S FINE,
BUT...



REGARDLESS
OF EMERALD'S
ATTITUDE...I
HOPE THE
TREECKO-
I MEAN, THE
GROVYLE-IS
DOING WELL.

I
SEE
...



Y-UM-I-!

COOZ-UM-!



URSARING
HAS BEEN
KNOCKED
OUT! THAT
MAKES
EMERALD
THE
WINNER!

PHEW!
I NEED
SOME
REST!

WE'LL
TAKE A
FIFTEEN-
MINUTE
BREAK
NOW.



THE S.S.
TIDAL IS
LEAVING
SOON?

Me
too.



WELL
THEN
...

BLIP

OKAY! TAKE CARE,
MR. BRINEY... I MEAN,
HONORARY CAPTAIN
MR. BRINEY! PLEASE
SAY "HI" TO OUR
MASTER TRAINERS
FOR US!

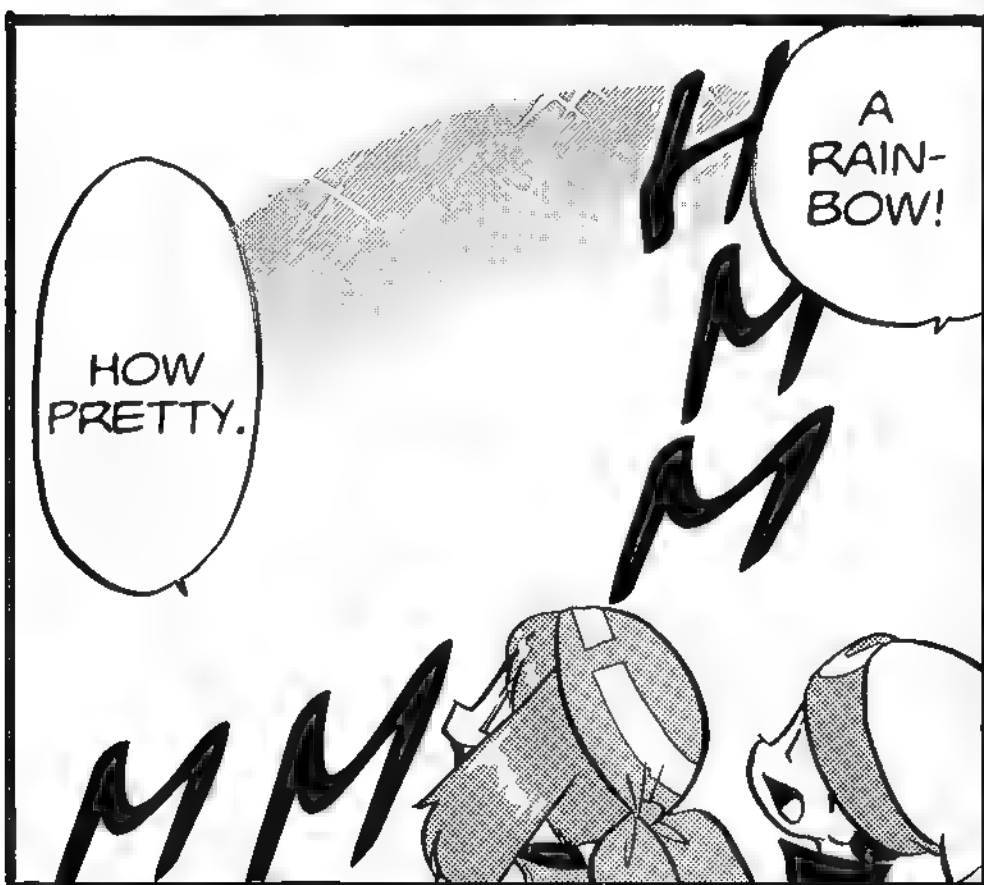
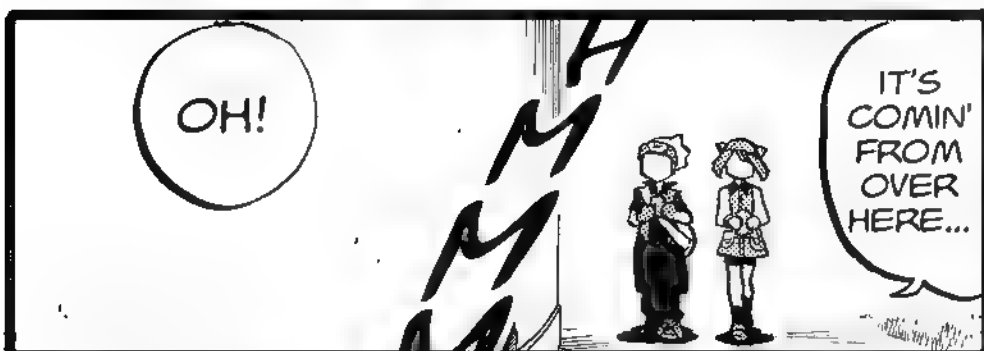
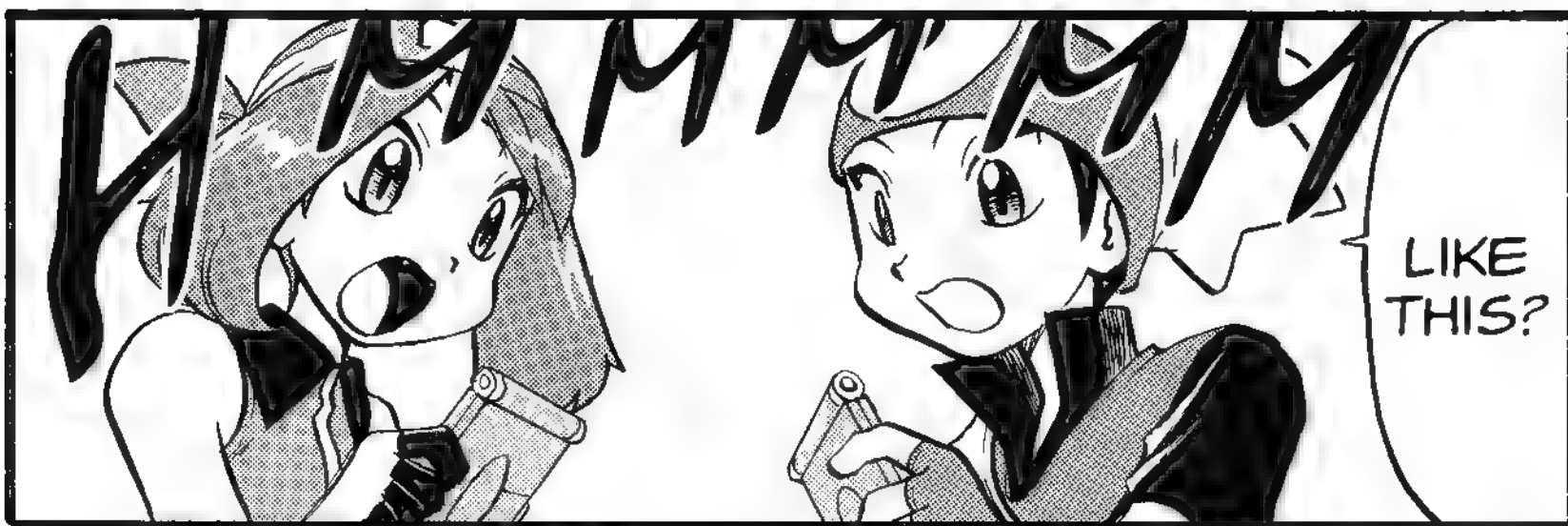
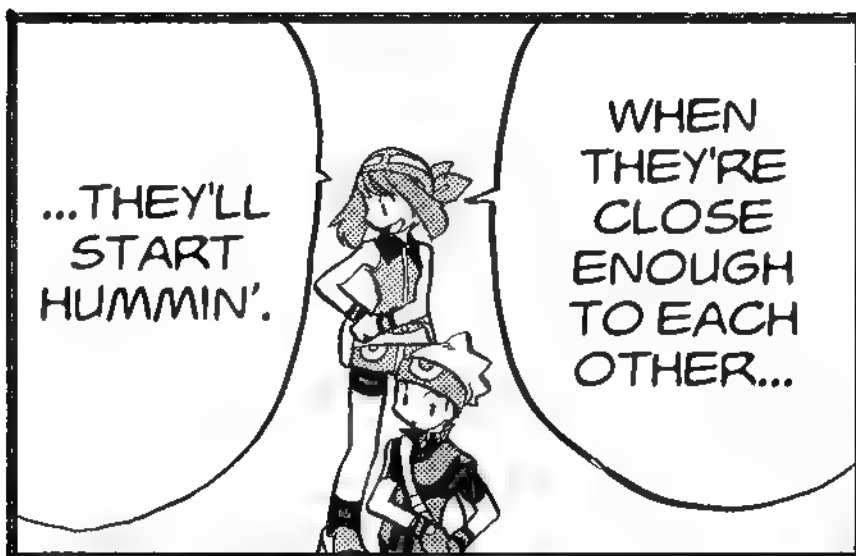
CATCH YOU
LATER, KID!
I'LL BE BACK
IN THREE
DAYS.



NOPE.

BY THE
WAY...
HOW
ARE WE
SUP-
POSED
TO FIND
THIS
GUY?
DO
YOU
KNOW
WHAT
HE
LOOKS
LIKE?



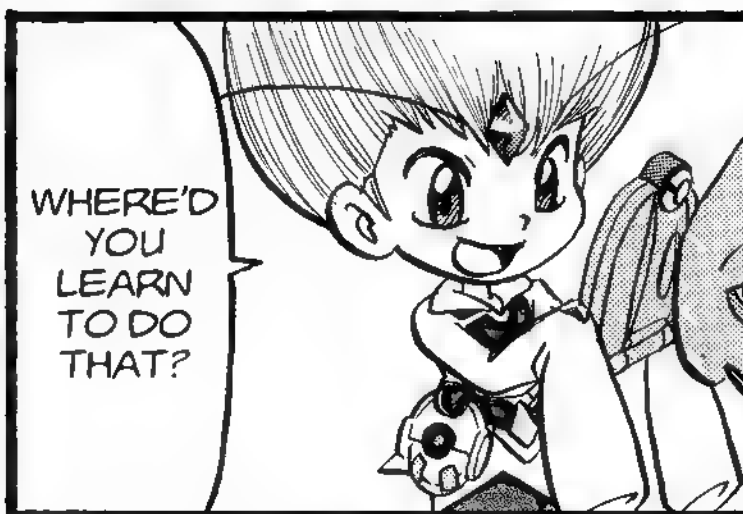
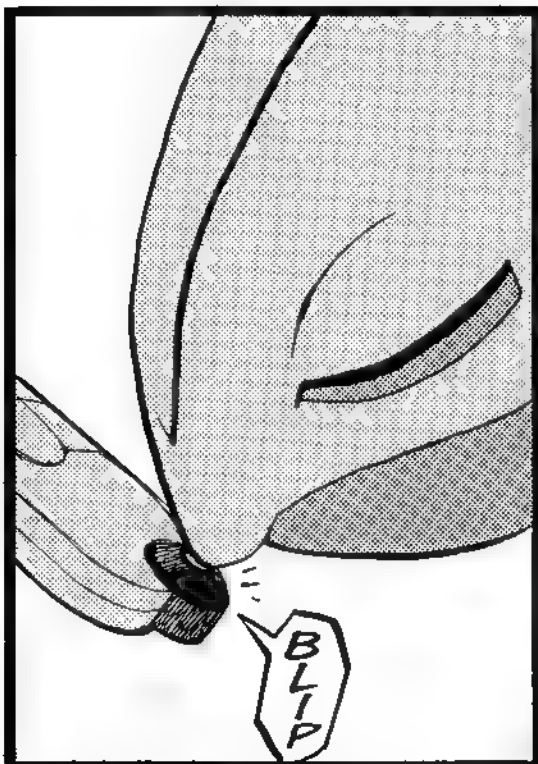




I SHOULDN'T DRINK TOO MUCH SODA! IT'S BAD FOR GROWING BONES! HOPE THERE ISN'T ANOTHER SUDOWOODO DOWN THERE ...

BOOM-BOOM









DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

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OWNER:
SCOTT

FACILITY RULES

BATTLE PALACE 1

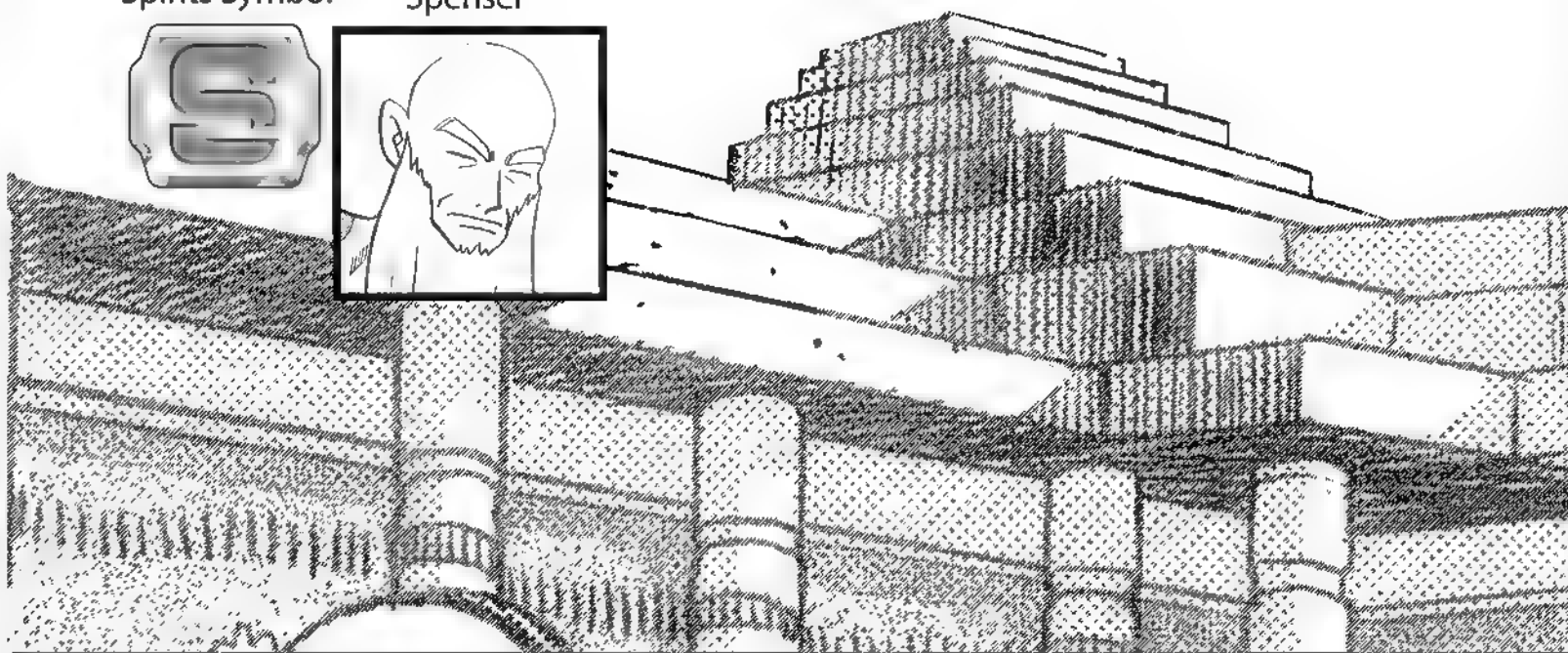
| Battle-type | Number of Pokémon | Type of Symbol | Wins needed to attain the Symbol |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|---|
| • Single • Double | 3 Pokémon | Spirits | 7 Wins × 6 Rounds = 42 Consecutive Wins |

At the Battle Palace, battles are fought according to a unique rule: The Trainer is not allowed to give orders to their Pokémon. Pokémon must choose what move to use themselves. So, basically, the Trainer just observes the battle as it unfolds. Since Trainers cannot give orders to their Pokémon, the battles are not as complex as those at other facilities. The Battle Palace is a facility where the Trainers may enjoy a battle centered around the natural instincts of the Pokémon.

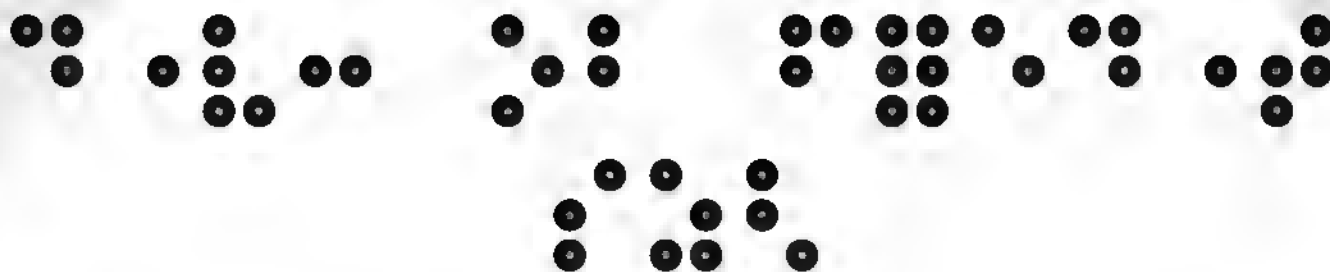
Spirits Symbol



Palace Maven Spenser



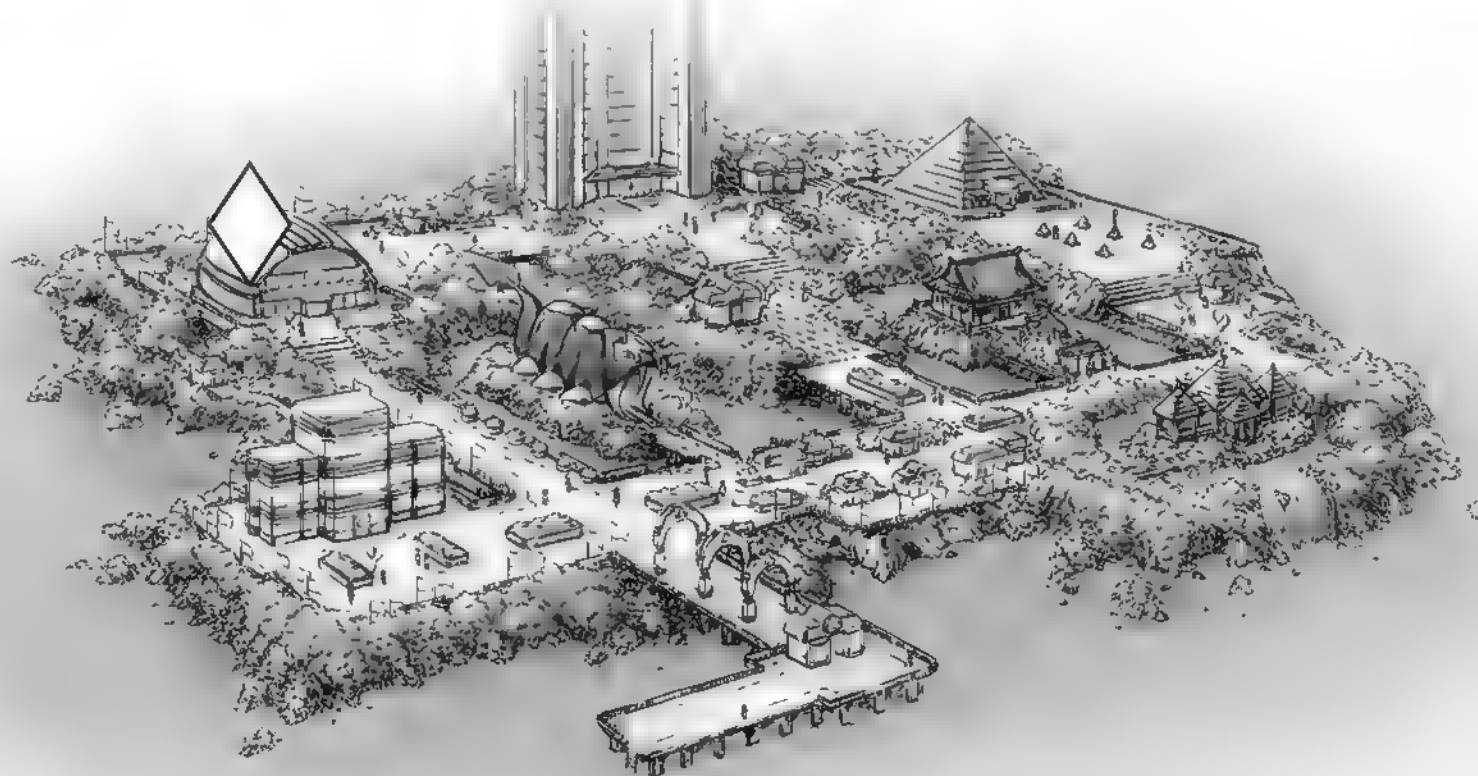
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Cunning Kirlia



███ K B ███ G L







PROTECTING
JIRACHI IS
MY JOB!!

I
DON'T
NEED
ANY
HELP!!



HEY!
EMER-
ALD,
WAIT!

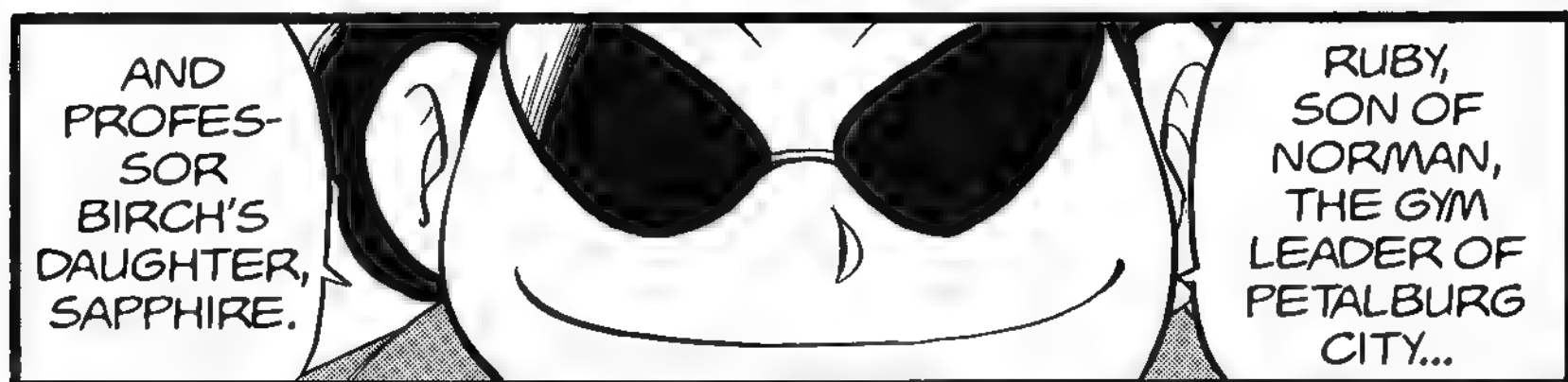
OKAY,
THAT'S
ALL.



OWWW...
THAT WAS
A PRETTY
POWERFUL
IRON TAIL
MOVE.

COME
ON! WE
GOTTA
GO
AFTER
HIM!



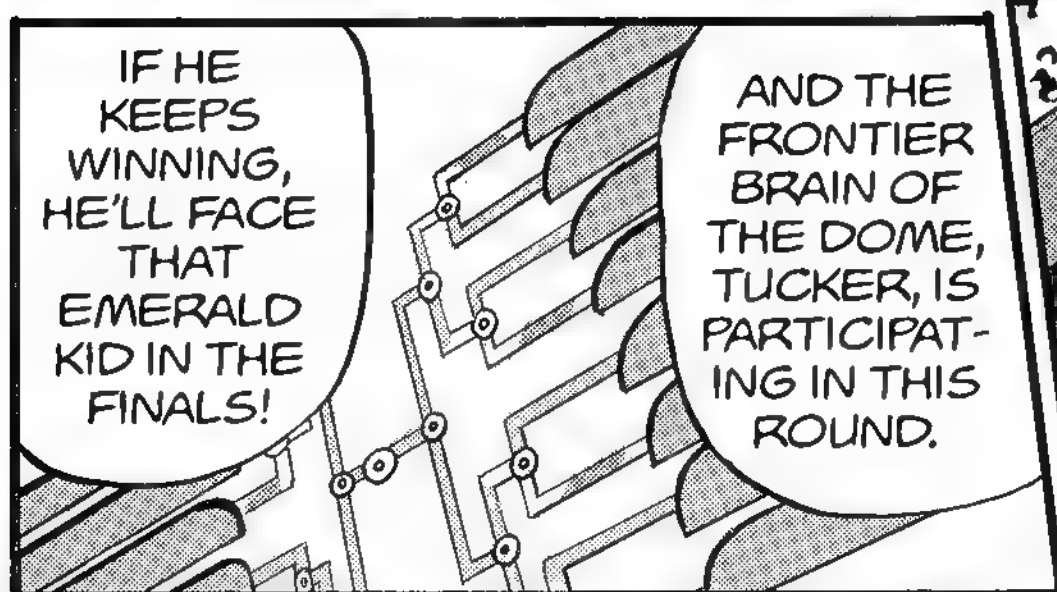




YEAH! THE SPECTATORS ARE MUCH MORE ENTHUSIASTIC!

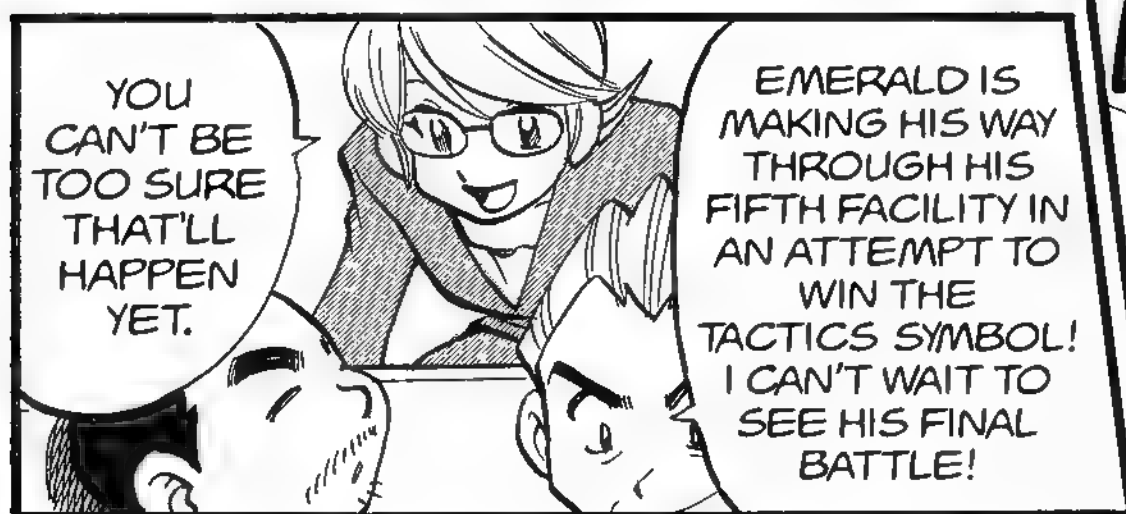
IT'S SO MUCH BETTER TO WATCH ACTUAL TRAINERS COMPETE AGAINST EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF VIRTUAL TRAINERS.

THE TOURNAMENT AT THE BATTLE DOME!



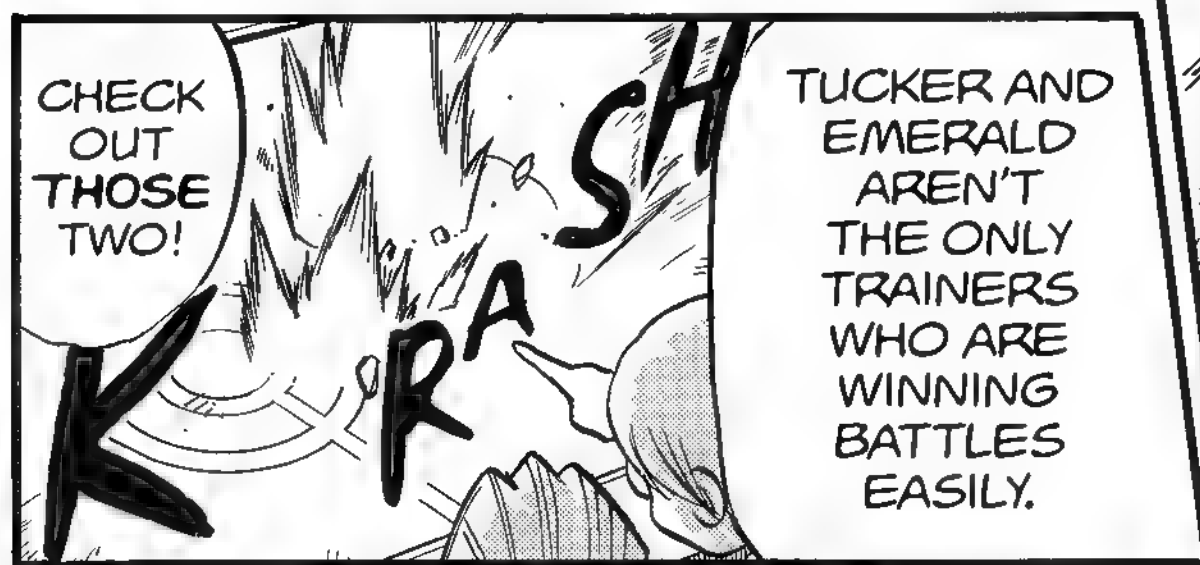
IF HE KEEPS WINNING, HE'LL FACE THAT EMERALD KID IN THE FINALS!

AND THE FRONTIER BRAIN OF THE DOME, TUCKER, IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS ROUND.



YOU CAN'T BE TOO SURE THAT'LL HAPPEN YET.

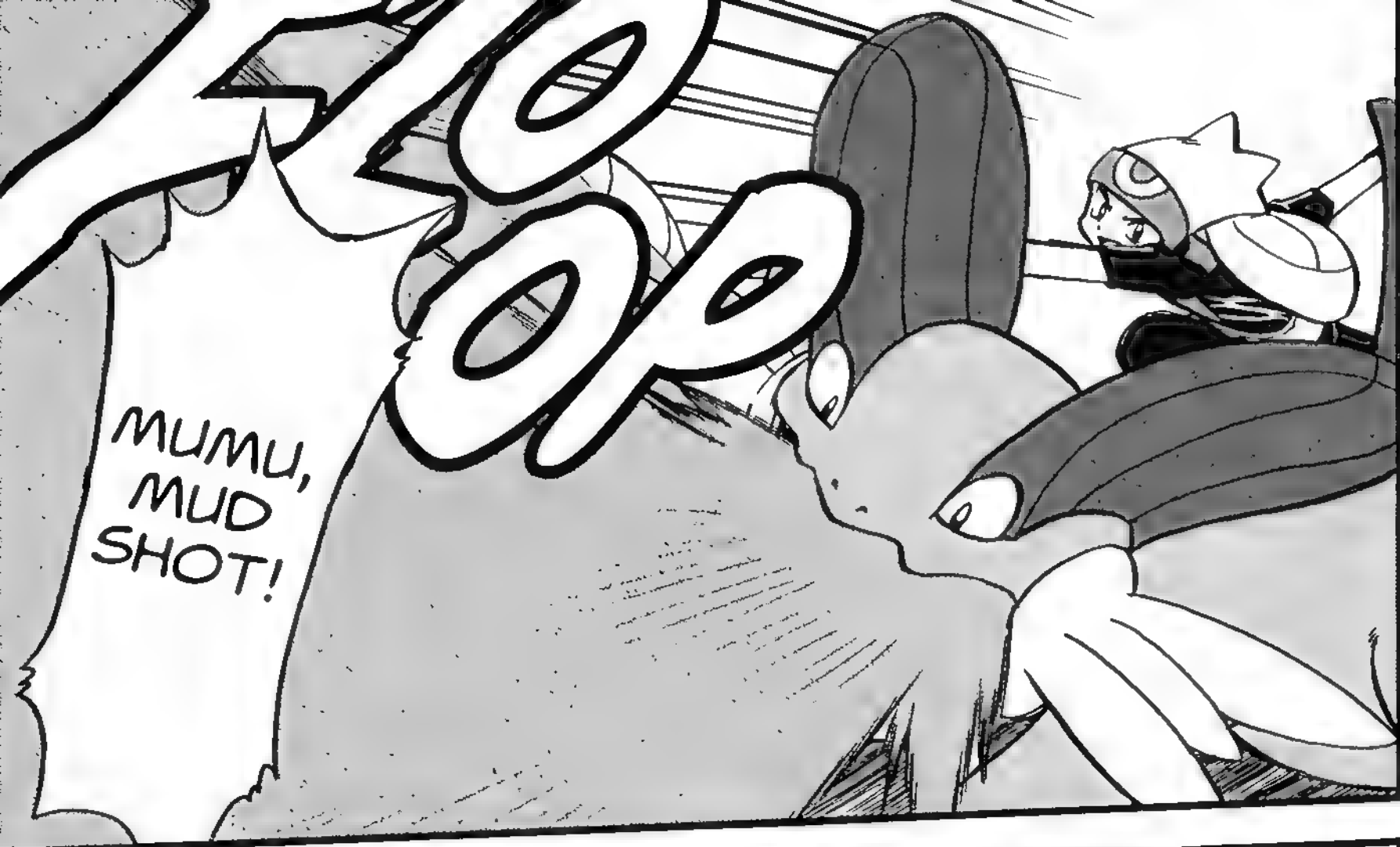
EMERALD IS MAKING HIS WAY THROUGH HIS FIFTH FACILITY IN AN ATTEMPT TO WIN THE TACTICS SYMBOL! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HIS FINAL BATTLE!



CHECK OUT THOSE TWO!

TUCKER AND EMERALD AREN'T THE ONLY TRAINERS WHO ARE WINNING BATTLES EASILY.

SOME WIN! SOME LOSE! THE RESULTS CAN BE INSTANTANEOUS.

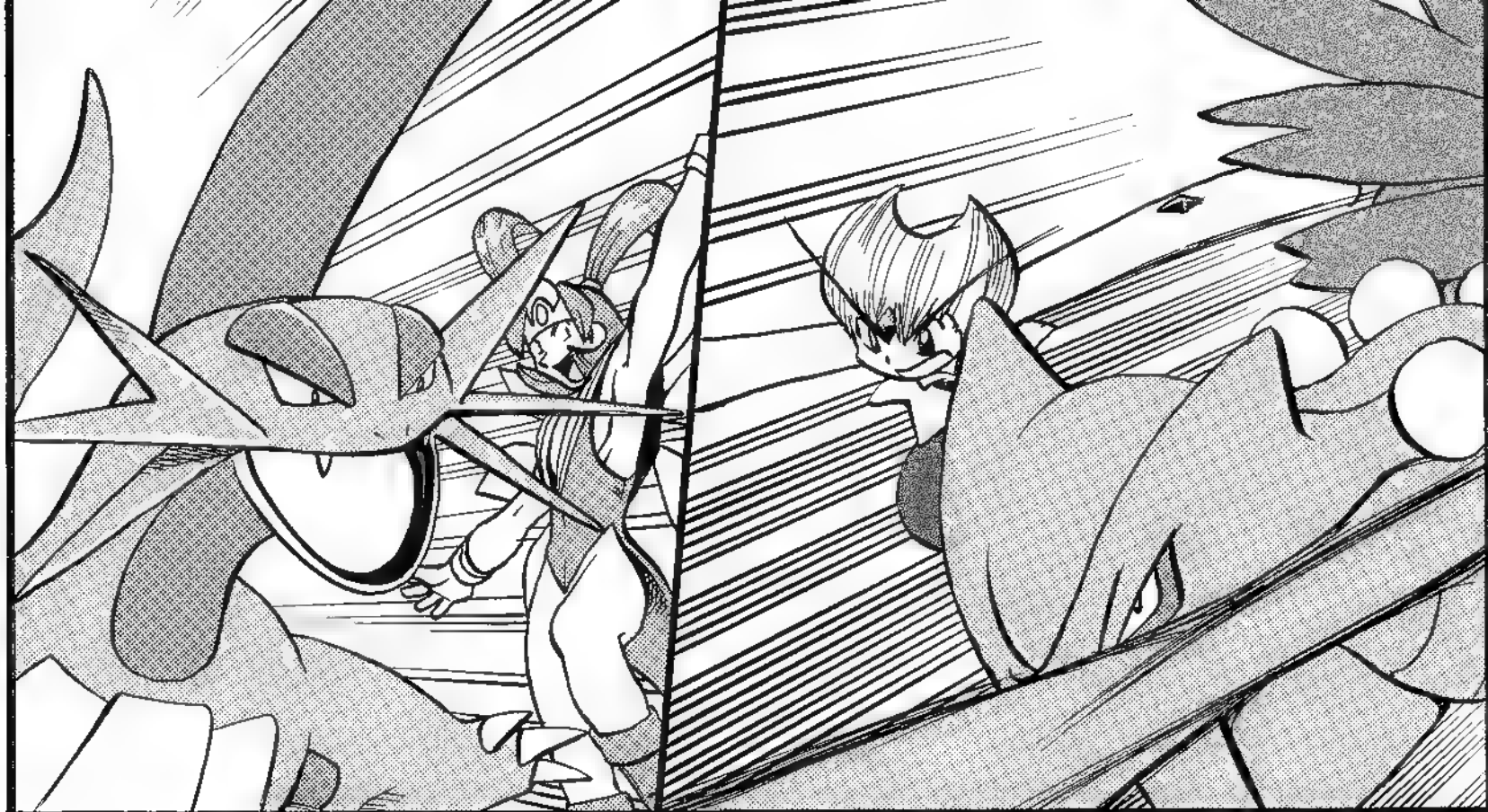


...AND
THEY'RE
QUICKLY
MOVING
UP THE
TOURNA-
MENT
CHART!

THEY'VE
BEEN
WINNING
EVERY
BATTLE
WITH
JUST
ONE
MOVE...

RUBY AND
SAPPHIRE,
HUH?

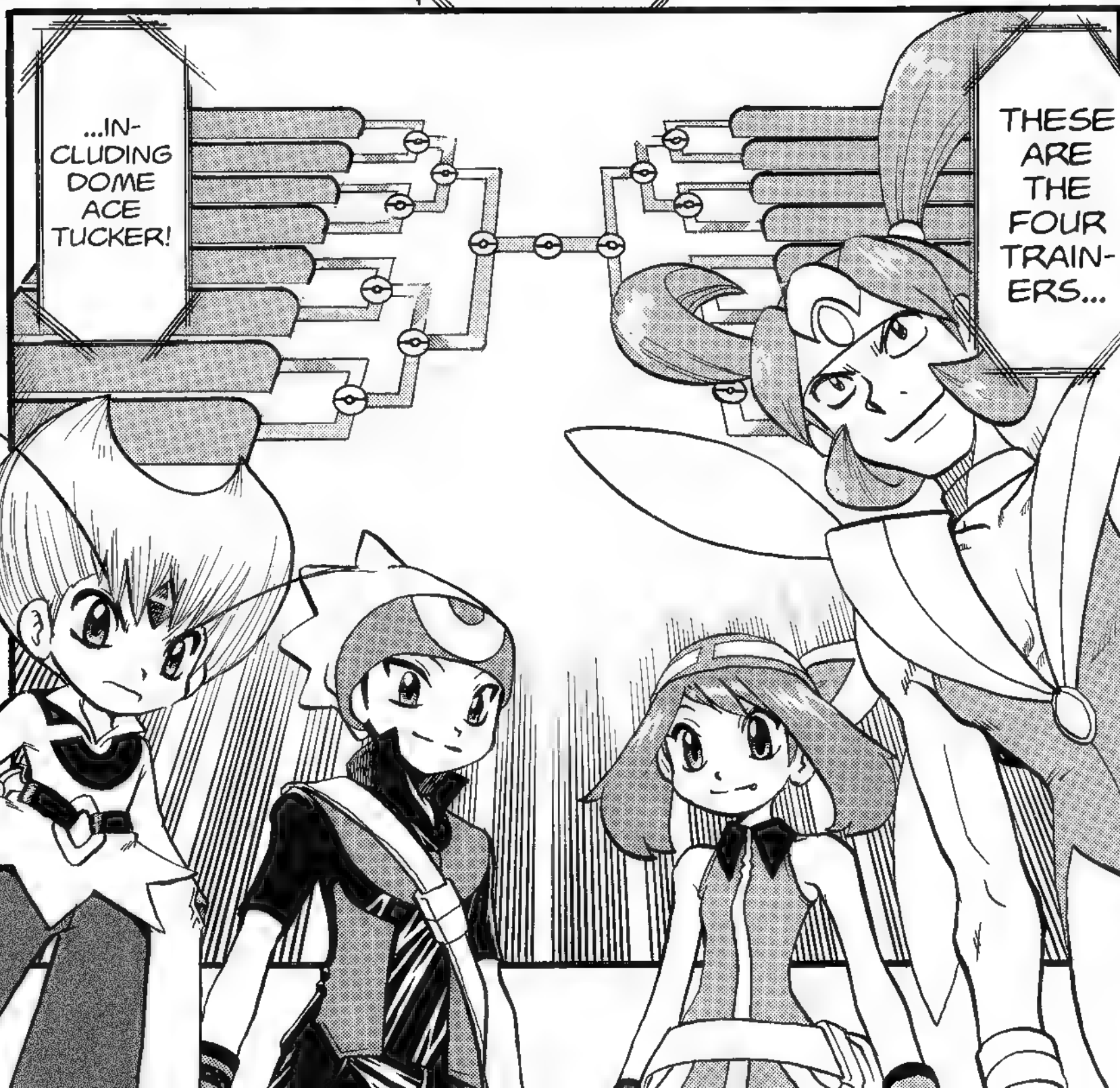
THOSE
TRAINERS
FROM
HOENN
ENTERED
THE
TOURNA-
MENT
TOO.



Y A

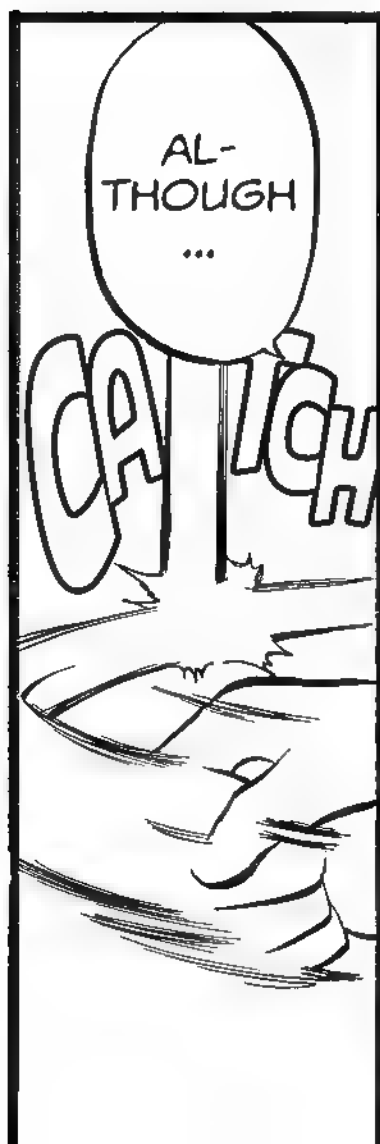
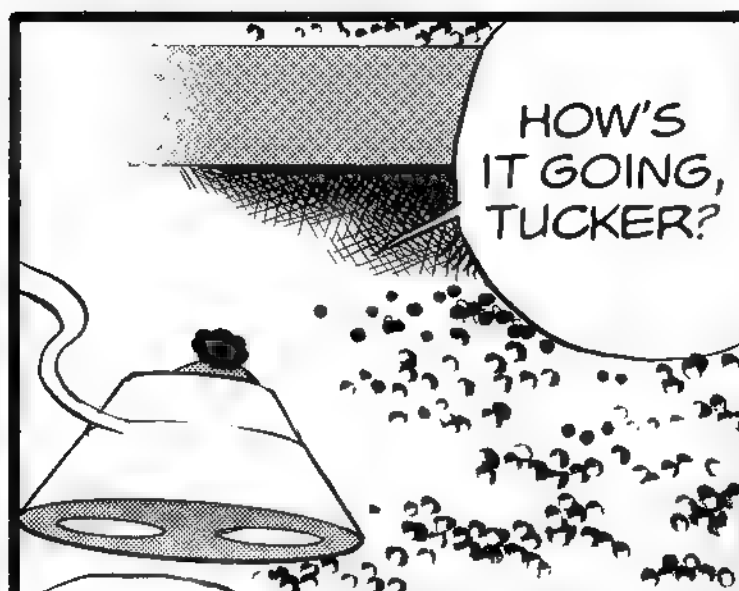
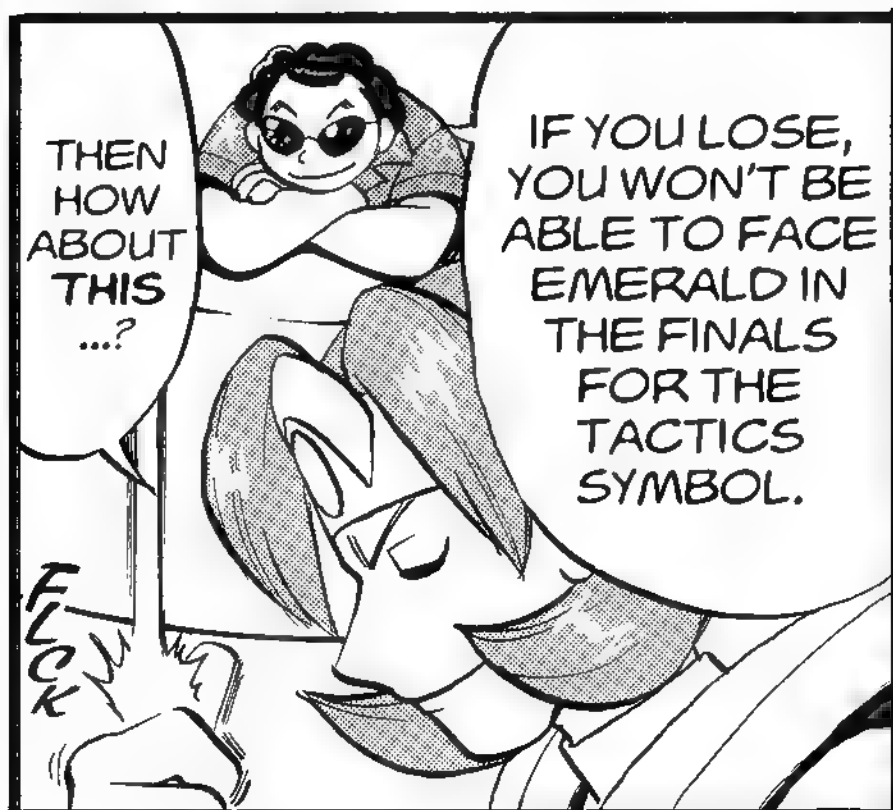
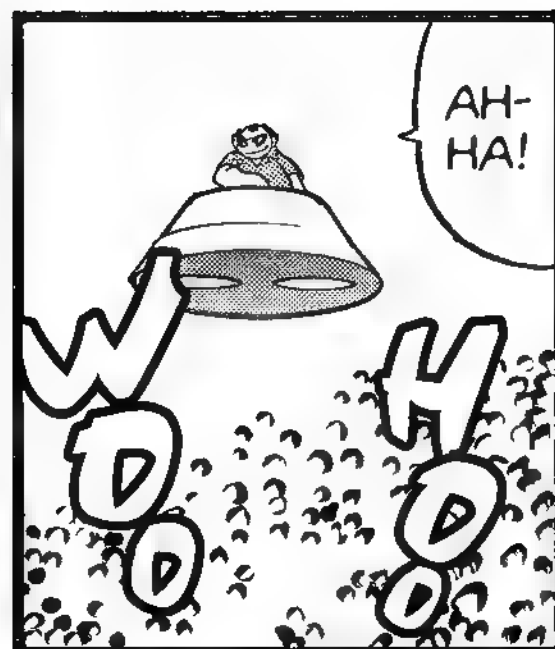
THE
TOP FOUR
TRAINERS OF
THIS ROUND
HAVE BEEN
DECIDED!

Y



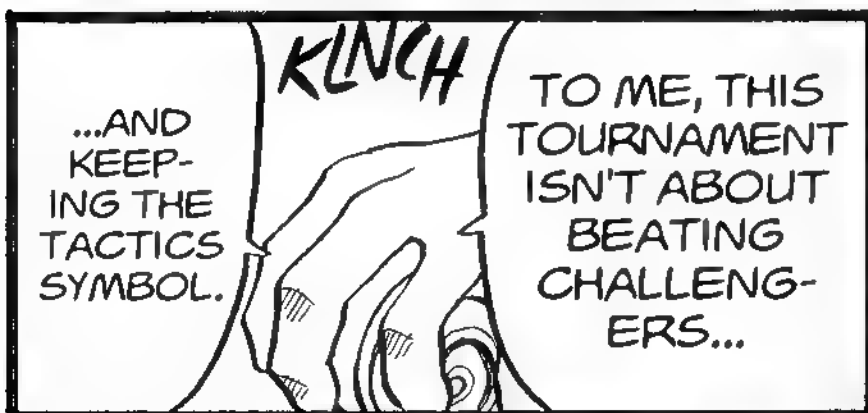
...IN-
CLUDING
DOME
ACE
TUCKER!

THESE
ARE
THE
FOUR
TRAIN-
ERS...





...I
WON'T
LOSE!



...AND
KEEP-
ING THE
TACTICS
SYMBOL.

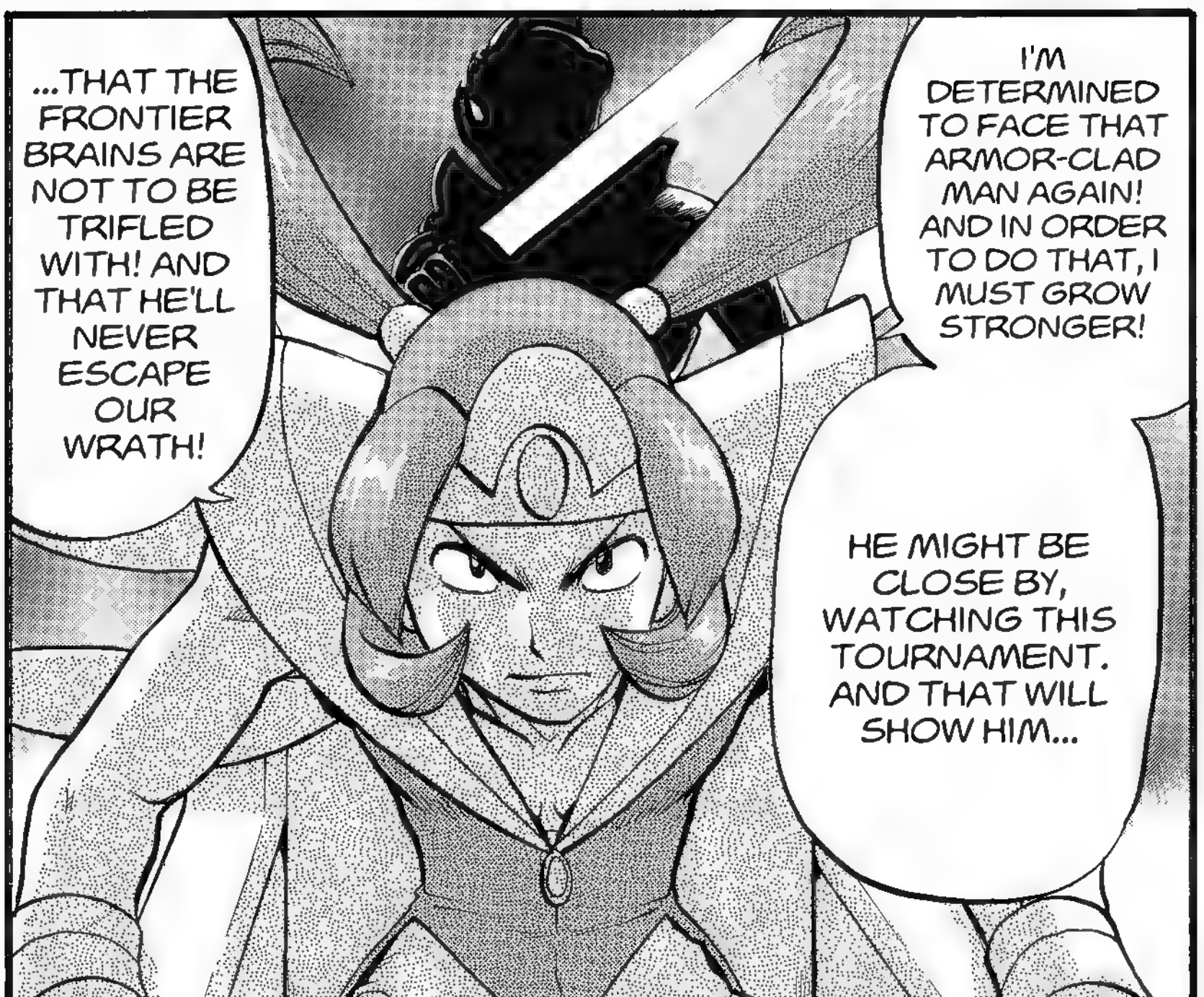
KLNCH

TO ME, THIS
TOURNAMENT
ISN'T ABOUT
BEATING
CHALLENG-
ERS...



I
AM.

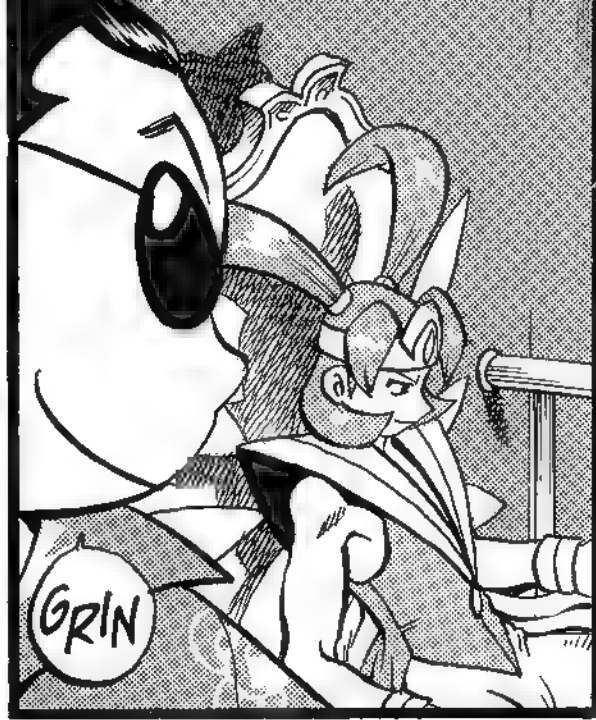
YOU
SOUND
VERY
CONFI-
DENT.



...THAT THE
FRONTIER
BRAINS ARE
NOT TO BE
TRIFLED
WITH! AND
THAT HE'LL
NEVER
ESCAPE
OUR
WRATH!

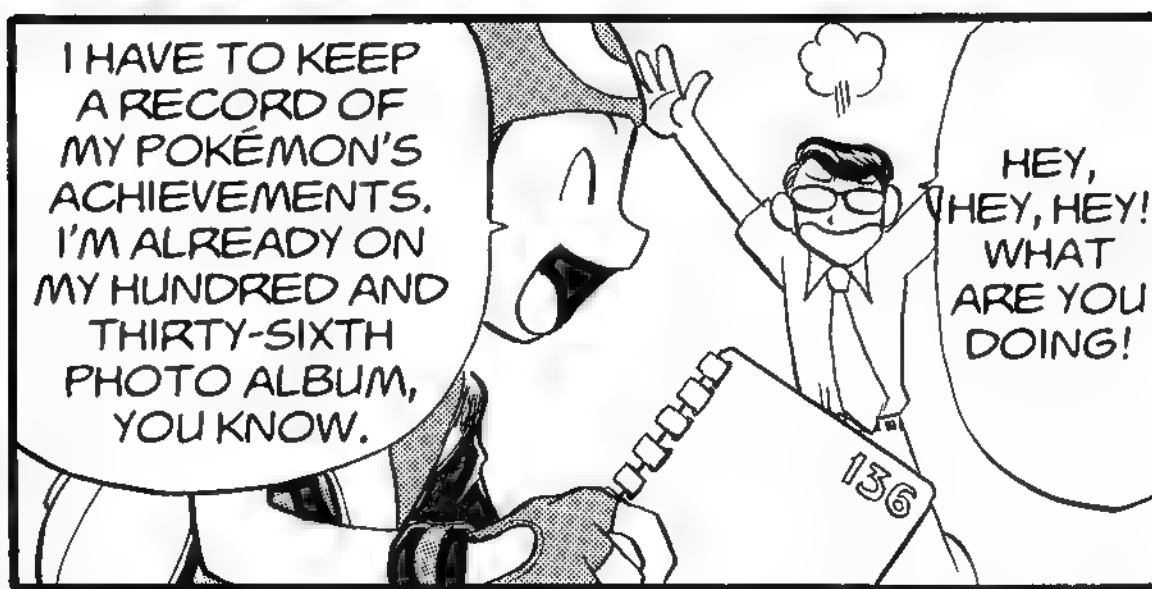
I'M
DETERMINED
TO FACE THAT
ARMOR-CLAD
MAN AGAIN!
AND IN ORDER
TO DO THAT, I
MUST GROW
STRONGER!

HE MIGHT BE
CLOSE BY,
WATCHING THIS
TOURNAMENT.
AND THAT WILL
SHOW HIM...





HEY,
COULD
YOU TAKE
CARE
OF THE
LIGHTING
FOR ME?



I HAVE TO KEEP
A RECORD OF
MY POKÉMON'S
ACHIEVEMENTS.
I'M ALREADY ON
MY HUNDRED AND
THIRTY-SIXTH
PHOTO ALBUM,
YOU KNOW.

HEY,
HEY, HEY!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING!



BATTLE
START!



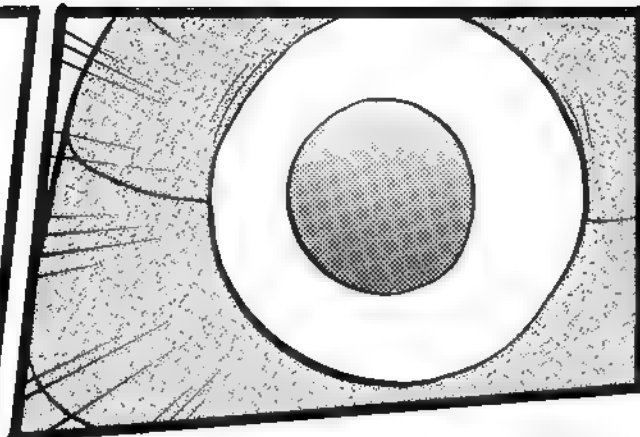
THESE
THREE
ARE THE
POKÉ-
MON I'M
GOING
TO USE.

OH, AND
EMERALD...
YOU DON'T
NEED TO
BOTHR
WITH MY
CARD.





GOOD!
YOU
BEAT
IT...!



PSYCHIC
TYPES
ARE WEAK
AGAINST
GHOST-TYPE
MOVES,
SO KEEP
ATTACKING!



SHADOW
BALL!!





LET'S
USE A
DIFFER-
ENT
MOVE
THEN...

HUH?! THE KIRLIA
IS STILL STANDING!
IT'S TOUGHER THAN
I THOUGHT!



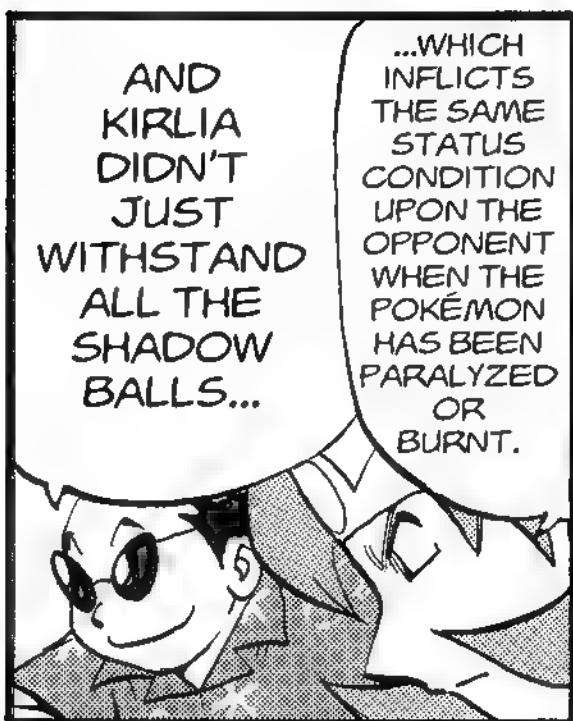
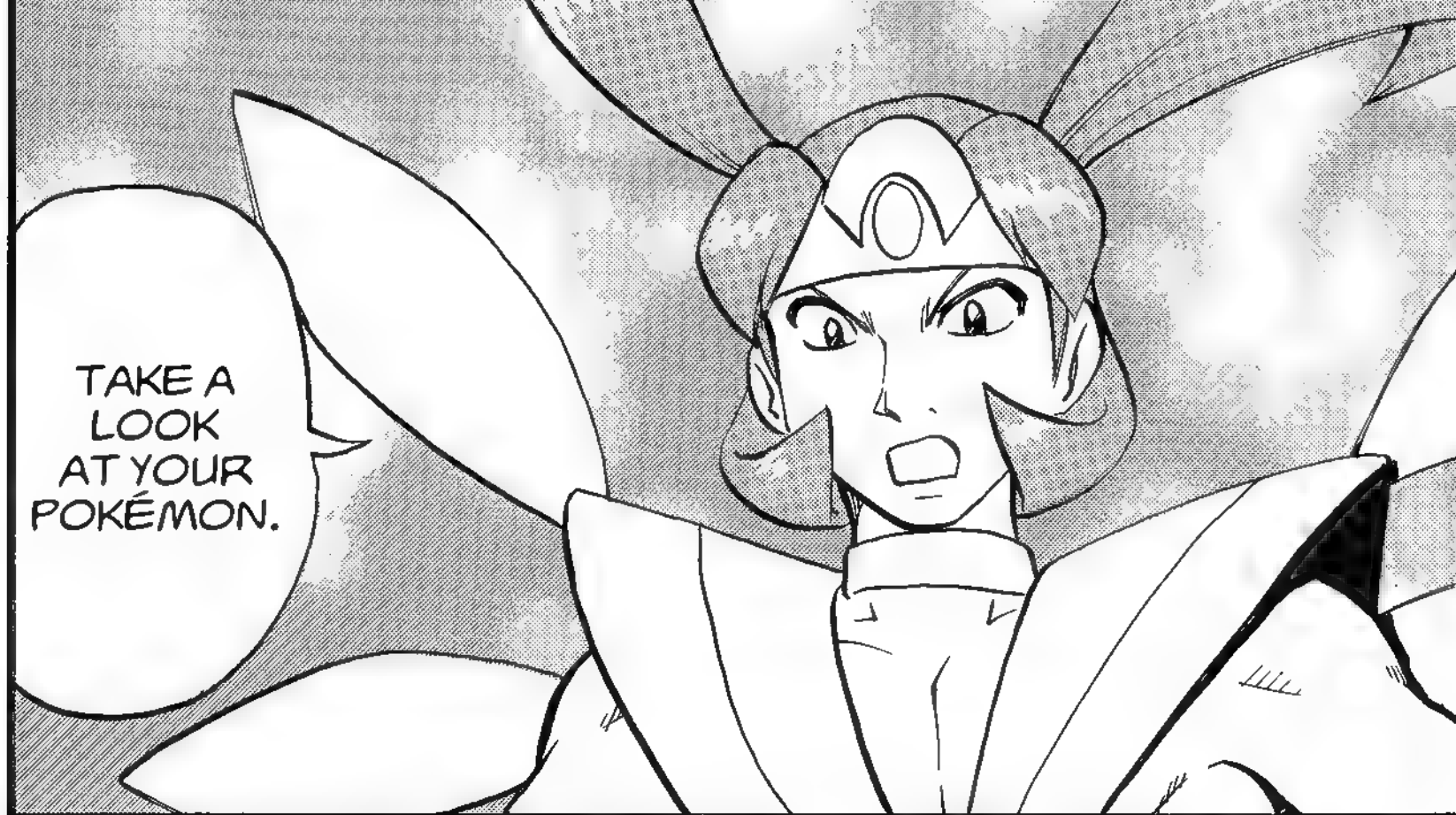
FIRE
PUNCH
!!

BUT
THAT
WON'T
ENSURE
YOU A
VICTORY.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

I DID IT!
IT GOT
HIT WITH
BURN!

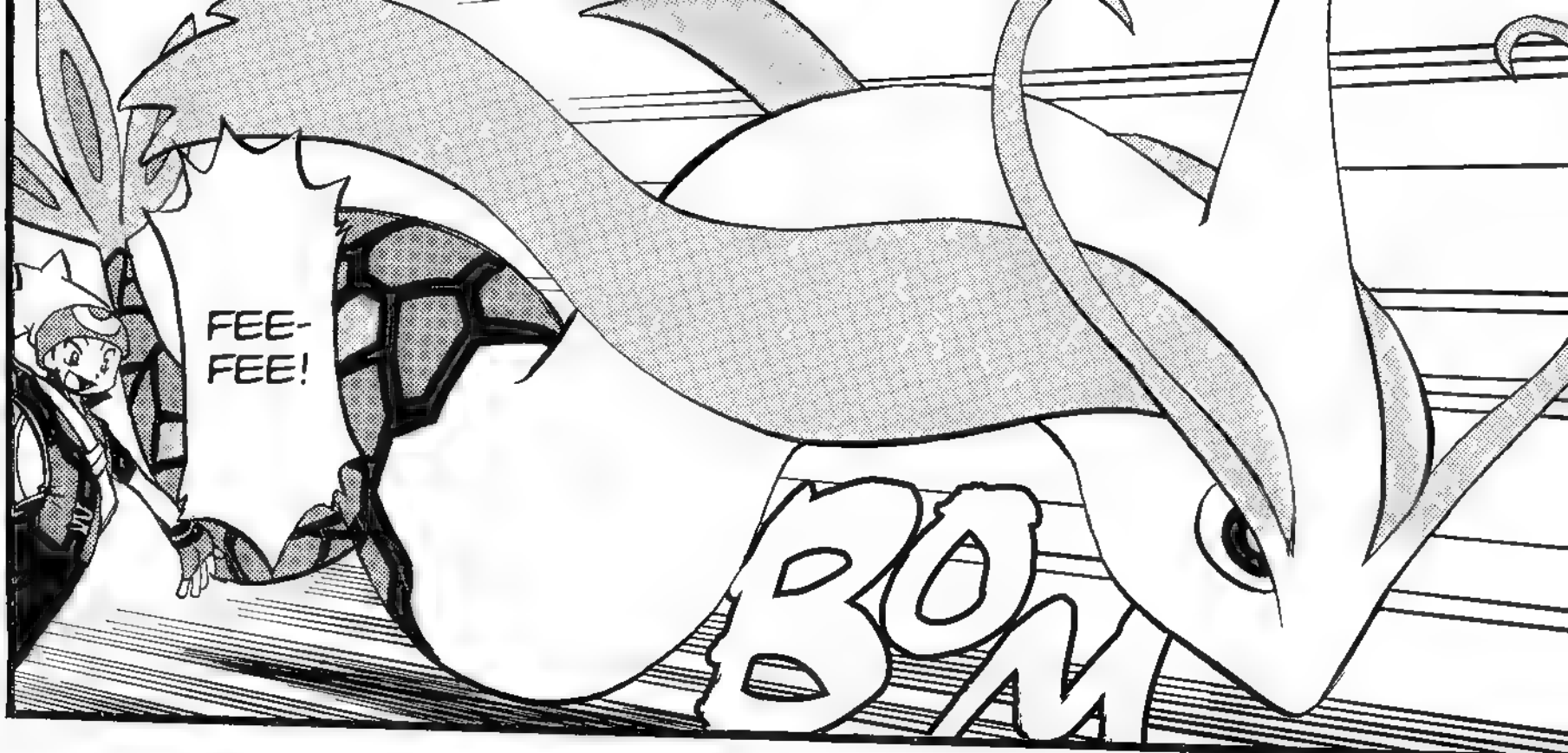




...WHICH INFLECTS THE SAME STATUS CONDITION UPON THE OPPONENT WHEN THE POKÉMON HAS BEEN PARALYZED OR BURNT.







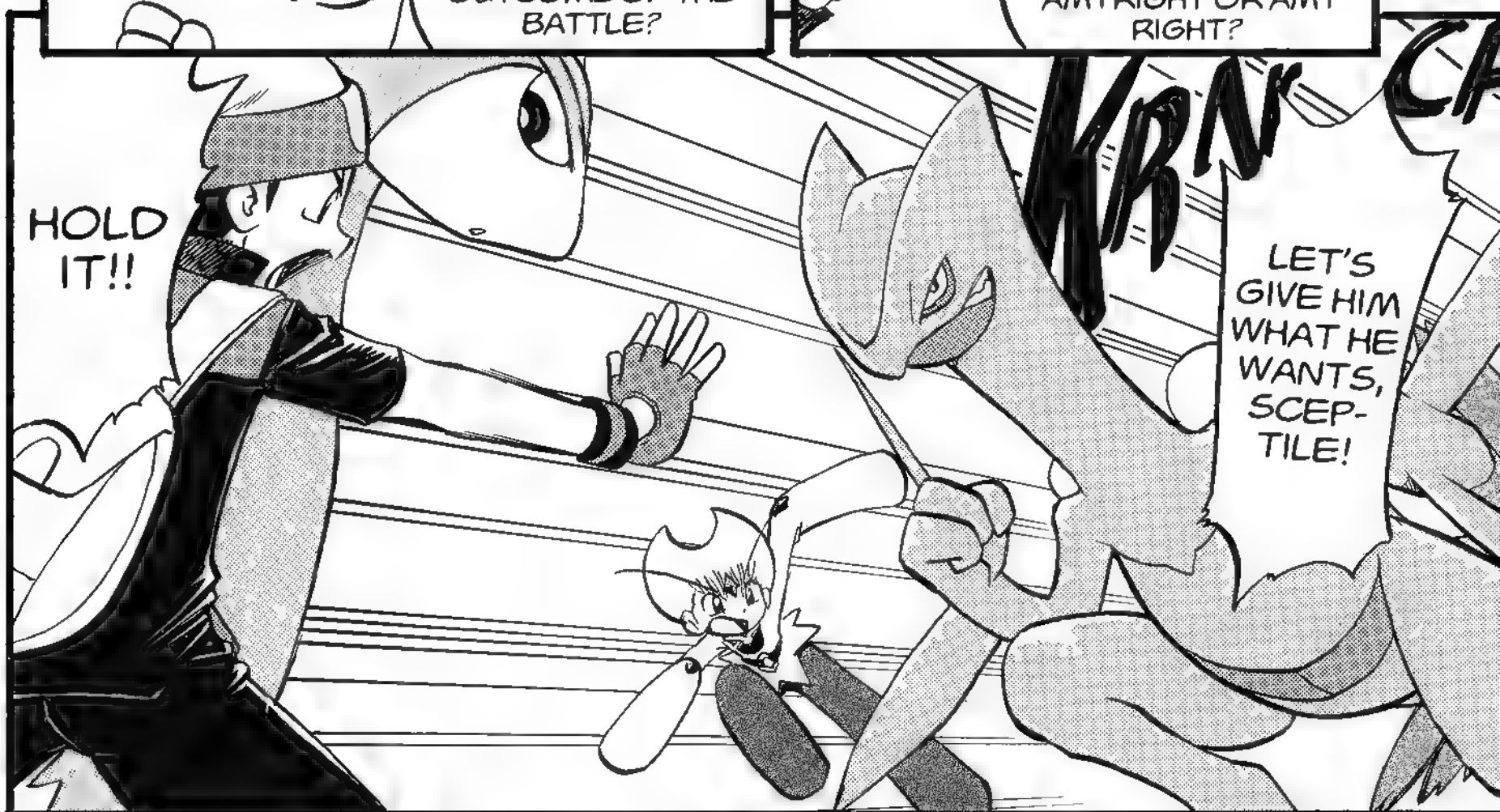
FEE-
FEE!

BOM

I
DON'T
CARE
...!

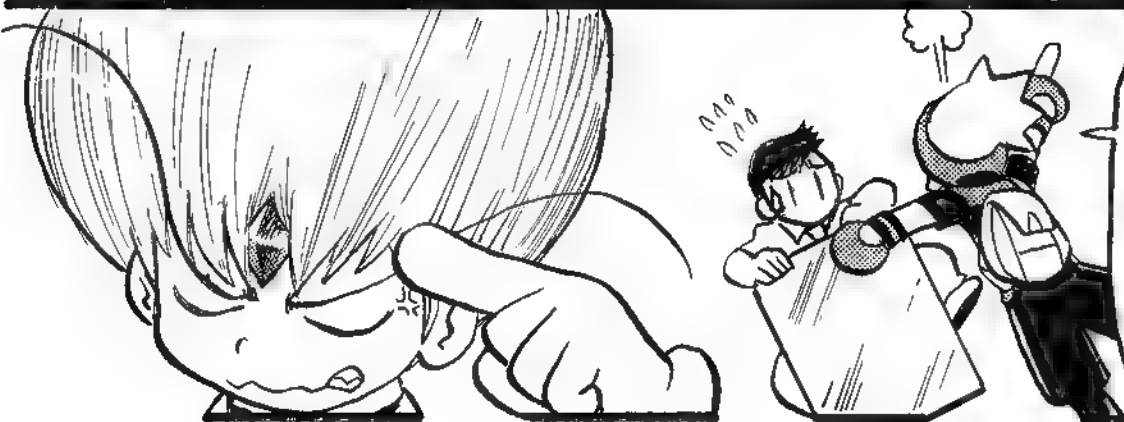
WHAT...?
DOES HE HAVE A
CONTINGENCY PLAN?
OR IS HE JUST
CONFIDENT THAT THE
TYPE DISADVANTAGE
WON'T AFFECT THE
OUTCOME OF THE
BATTLE?

FEEFEE IS A
WATER-TYPE
POKÉMON, SO I'M
BETTING YOU'LL
USE YOUR SCEPTILE,
WHICH HAS AN
ADVANTAGE OVER IT.
AM I RIGHT OR AM I
RIGHT?

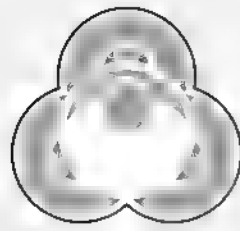


HOLD
IT!!

LET'S
GIVE HIM
WHAT HE
WANTS,
SCEP-
TILE!



PLEASE PAY
ATTENTION TO
THE LIGHTING!
YOU'RE CREATING
A SHADOW ON
FEEFEE'S FACE!



DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

Thank you for visiting the Battle Frontier today. Permit me to continue explaining the rules of this facility...



FACILITY RULES

BATTLE PALACE 2

① Watch

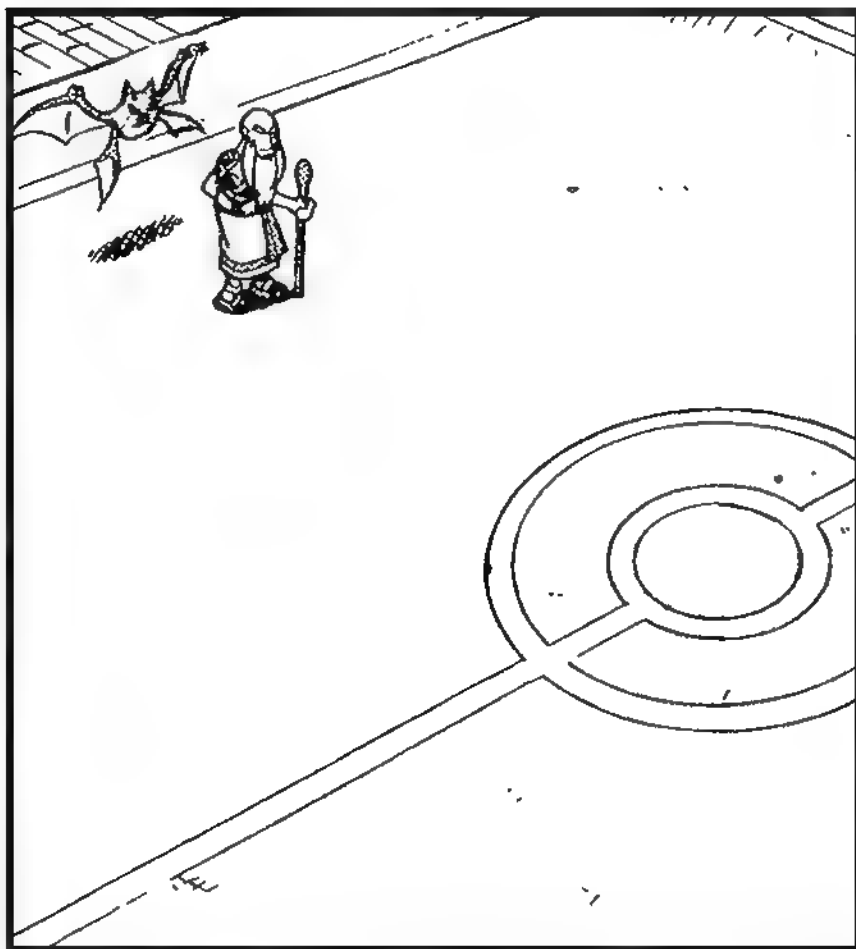
After entering the battle area, the Trainer places their Poké Balls with their Pokémon inside in the battle area and moves over to the spectator circle. After that, the Trainers are not allowed to give any orders, but they may watch the battle all the way through.

② Switch

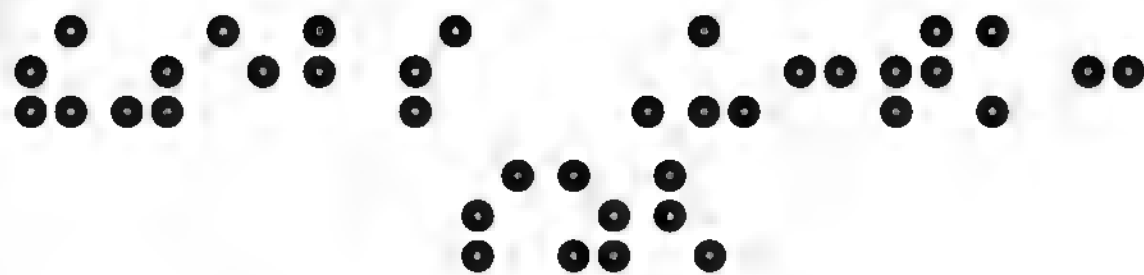
Trainers are not allowed to give orders to their Pokémon, but they may switch out their Pokémon during battle. If a Trainer wishes to switch their Pokémon due to a type disadvantage or status condition, they may request a change through the microphone located in their spectator's seat.

■ TRAINER EXPERIENCE AT THE BATTLE PALACE ■

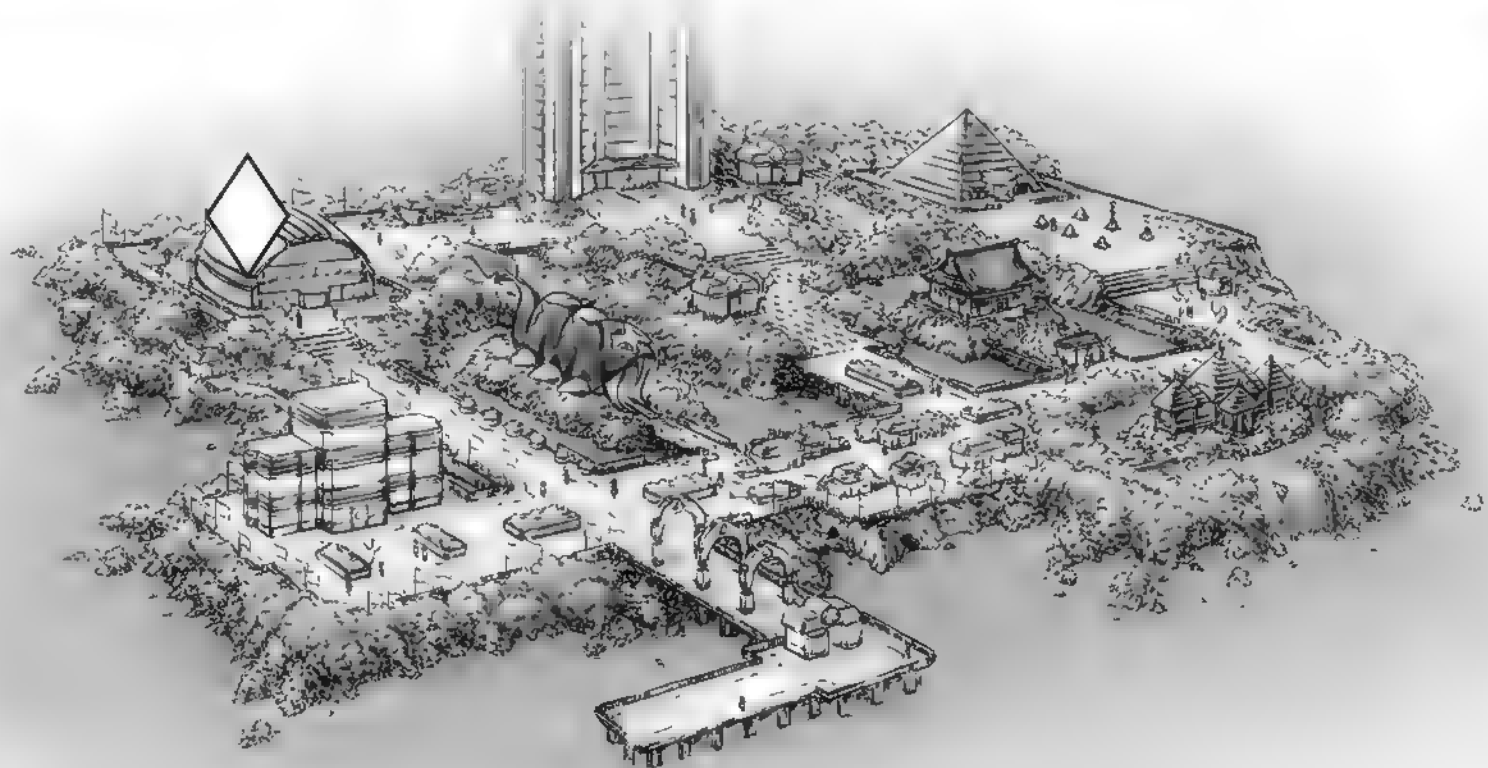
At the Battle Palace, Trainers must permit their Pokémon to fight as they wish. However, the Trainers are allowed to make the following moves.

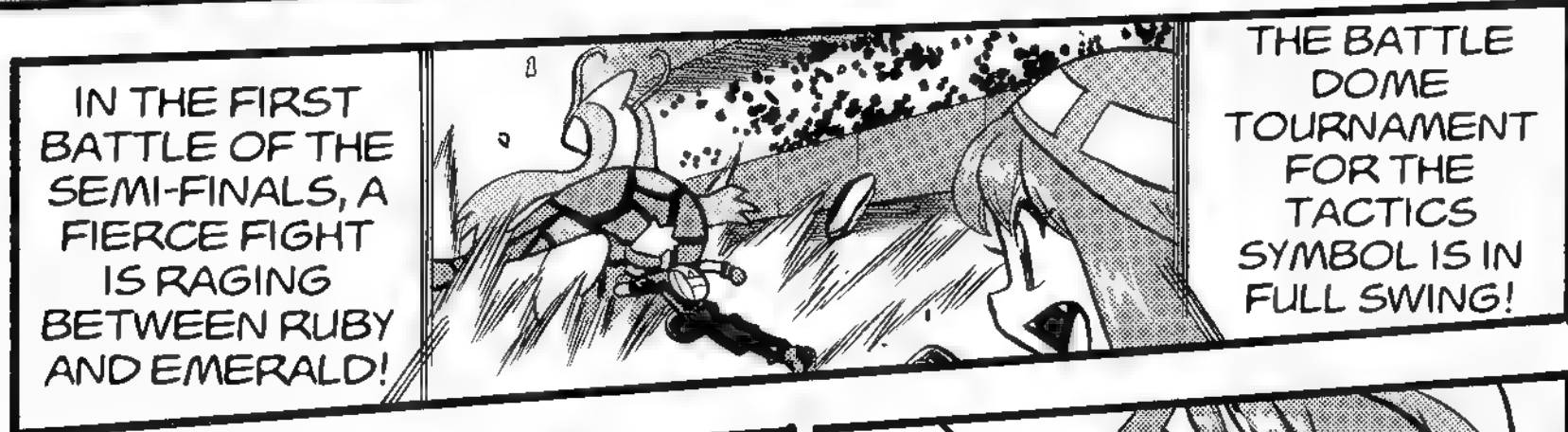
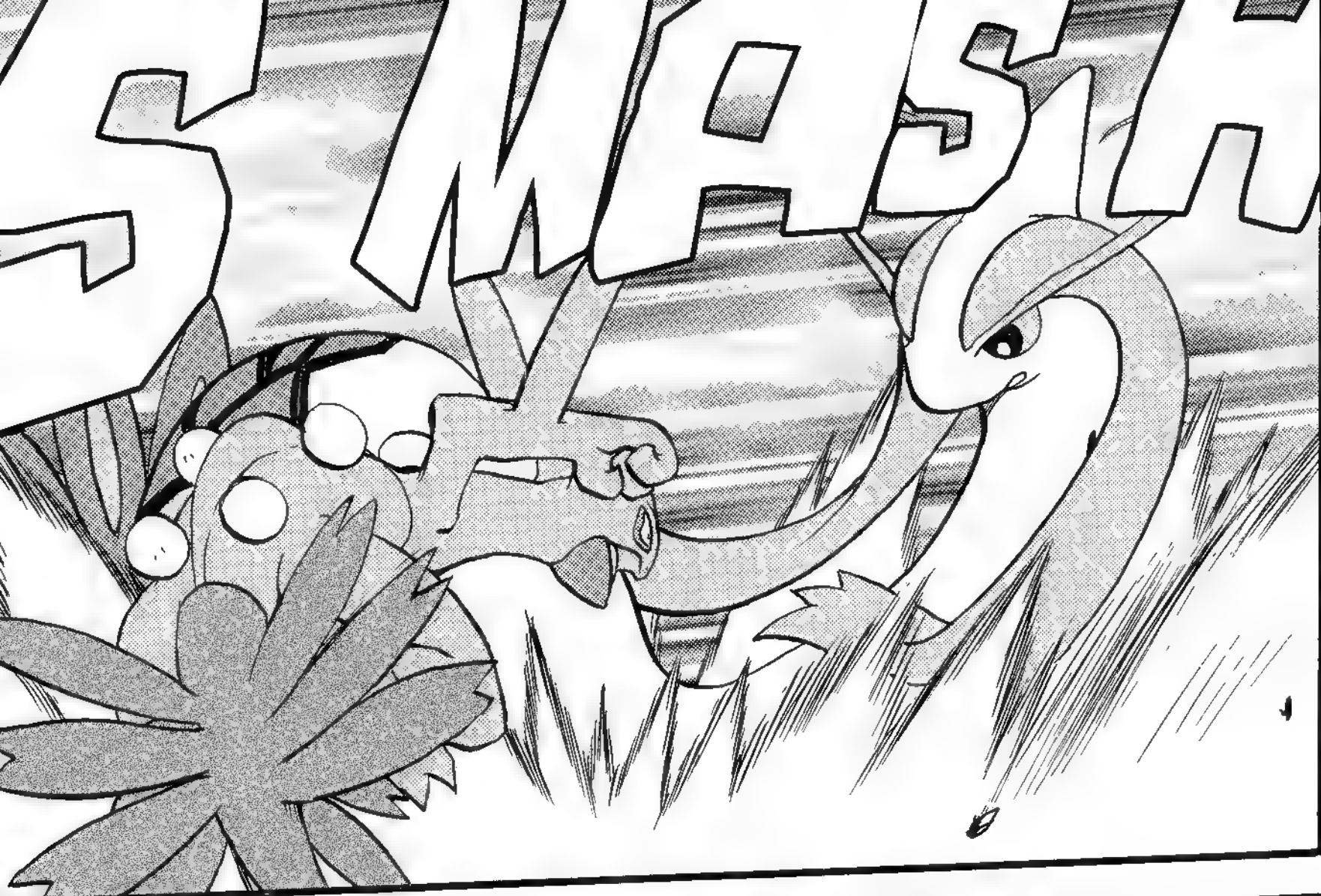


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Susceptible to Sceptile





IN THE FIRST
BATTLE OF THE
SEMI-FINALS, A
FIERCE FIGHT
IS RAGING
BETWEEN RUBY
AND EMERALD!

THE BATTLE
DOME
TOURNAMENT
FOR THE
TACTICS
SYMBOL IS IN
FULL SWING!



IT'S TIME
FOR US
TO BEGIN
OUR
BATTLE
IN THE
SECOND
STADIUM!



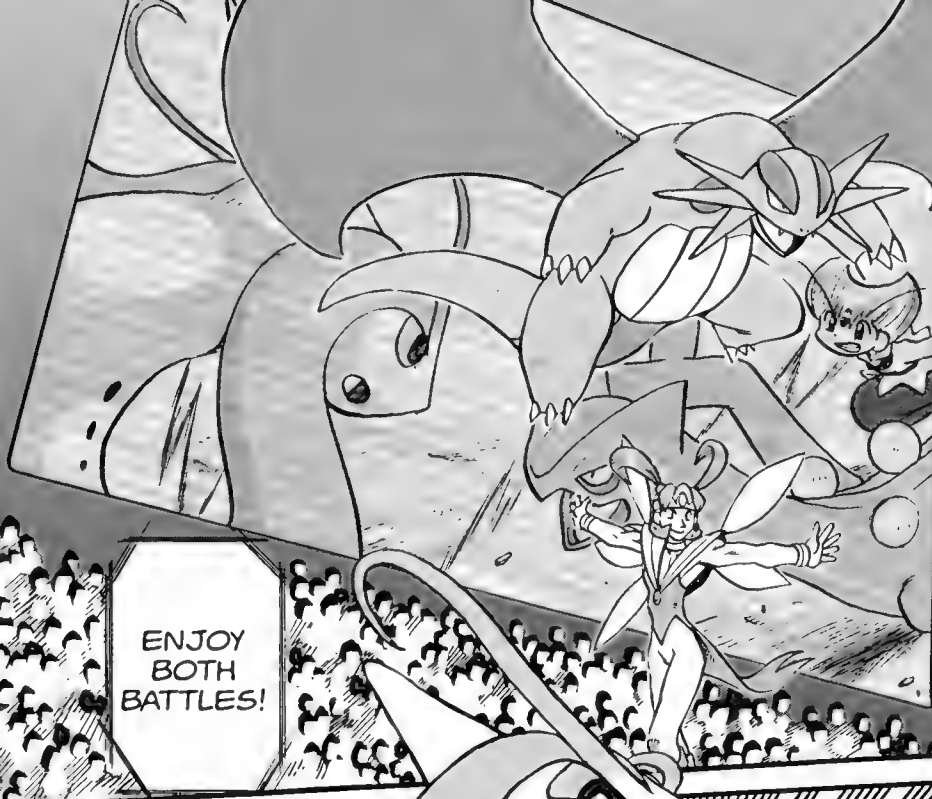
AMAZIN'!!



SHOULD
YOU BE
WASTING
TIME
WATCHING
HIM...?



HE'S
PUTTIN'
EVERY-
THIN'
SPIRIT! INTO THIS
BATTLE!



ENJOY
BOTH
BATTLES!

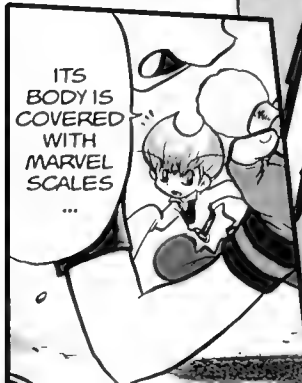


THE SECOND
SEMI-FINAL
BETWEEN
SAPPHIRE AND
FRONTIER
BRAIN TUCKER
IS ABOUT TO
BEGIN AS
WELL!

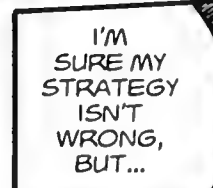


IT
DIDN'T
HAVE
THE
EFFECT
...

...I
EXPECT
ED IT
TO.



ITS
BODY IS
COVERED
WITH
MARVEL
SCALES
...



I'M
SURE MY
STRATEGY
ISN'T
WRONG,
BUT...



I PARALYZED
IT WITH BODY
SLAM AND I'VE
ATTACKED IT
OVER AND OVER
WITH LEAF
BLADE, SO...



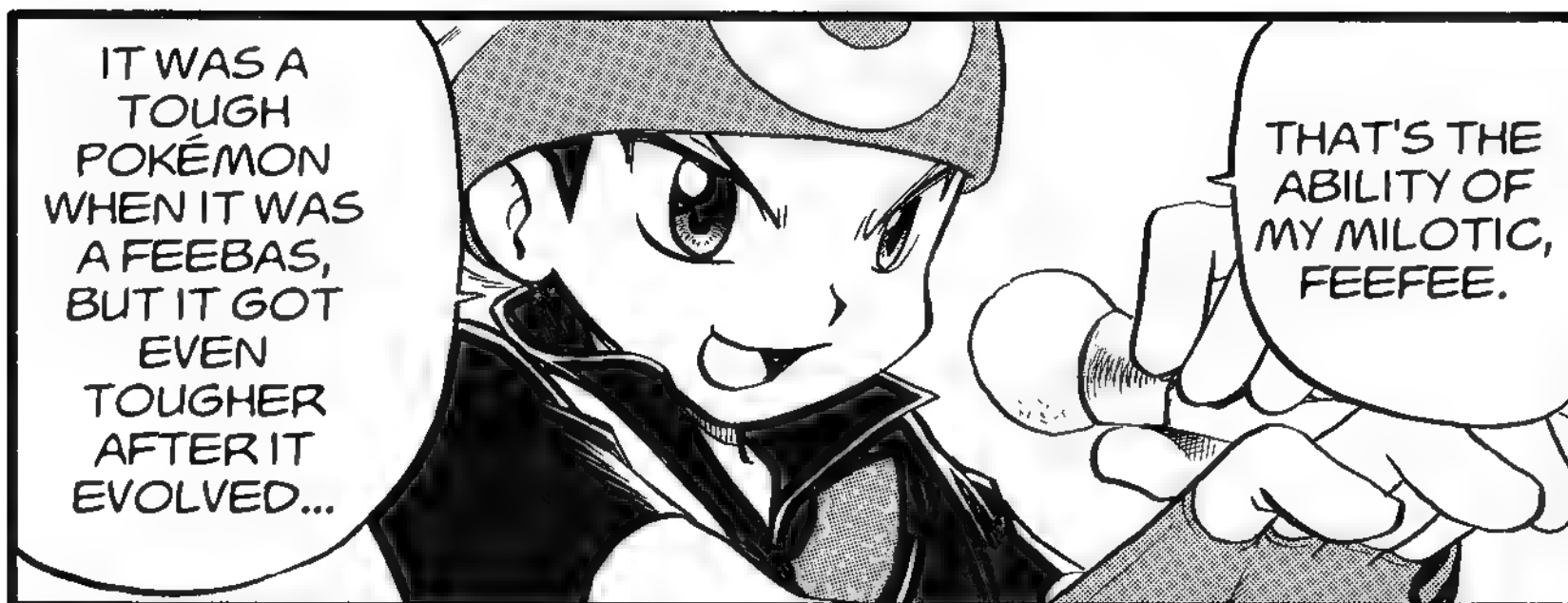
SCEP-
TILE,
FOCUS
PUNCH!

OKAY! I'LL
CHANGE TO
PHYSICAL
ATTACKS TO
CHANGE THE
FLOW OF
BATTLE...!



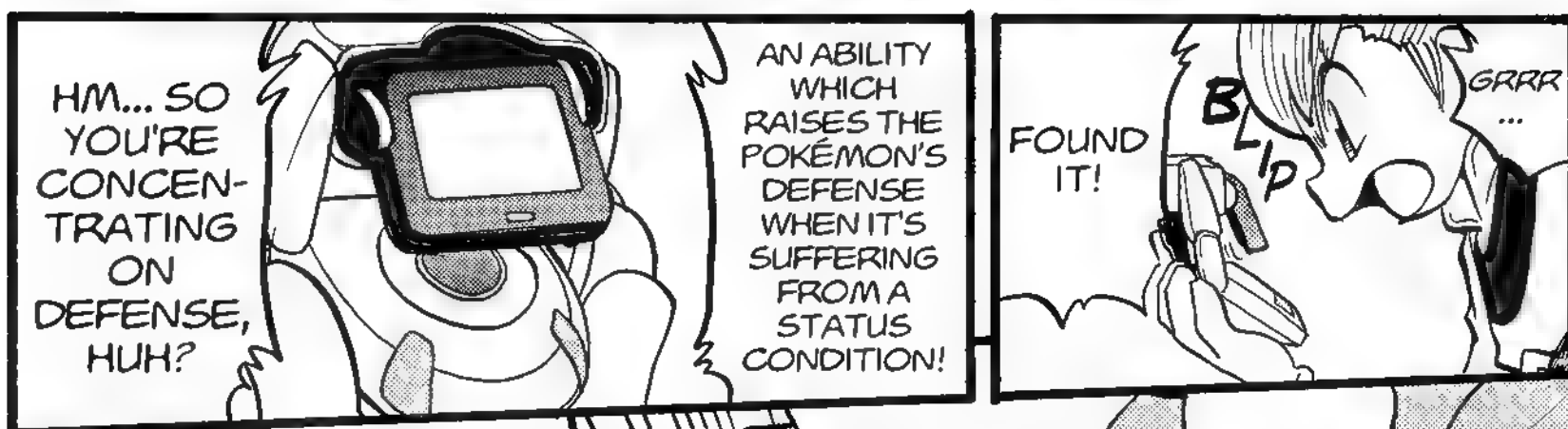
THAT
MILOTIC
IS MUCH
TOUGHER
THAN I
THOUGHT!

I STILL
HAVEN'T
BEEN
ABLE TO
DELIVER A
DECISIVE
BLOW!



IT WAS A TOUGH POKÉMON WHEN IT WAS A FEEBAS, BUT IT GOT EVEN TOUGHER AFTER IT EVOLVED...

THAT'S THE ABILITY OF MY MILOTIC, FEEFEE.



HM... SO YOU'RE CONCENTRATING ON DEFENSE, HUH?

AN ABILITY WHICH RAISES THE POKÉMON'S DEFENSE WHEN IT'S SUFFERING FROM A STATUS CONDITION!

FOUND IT!



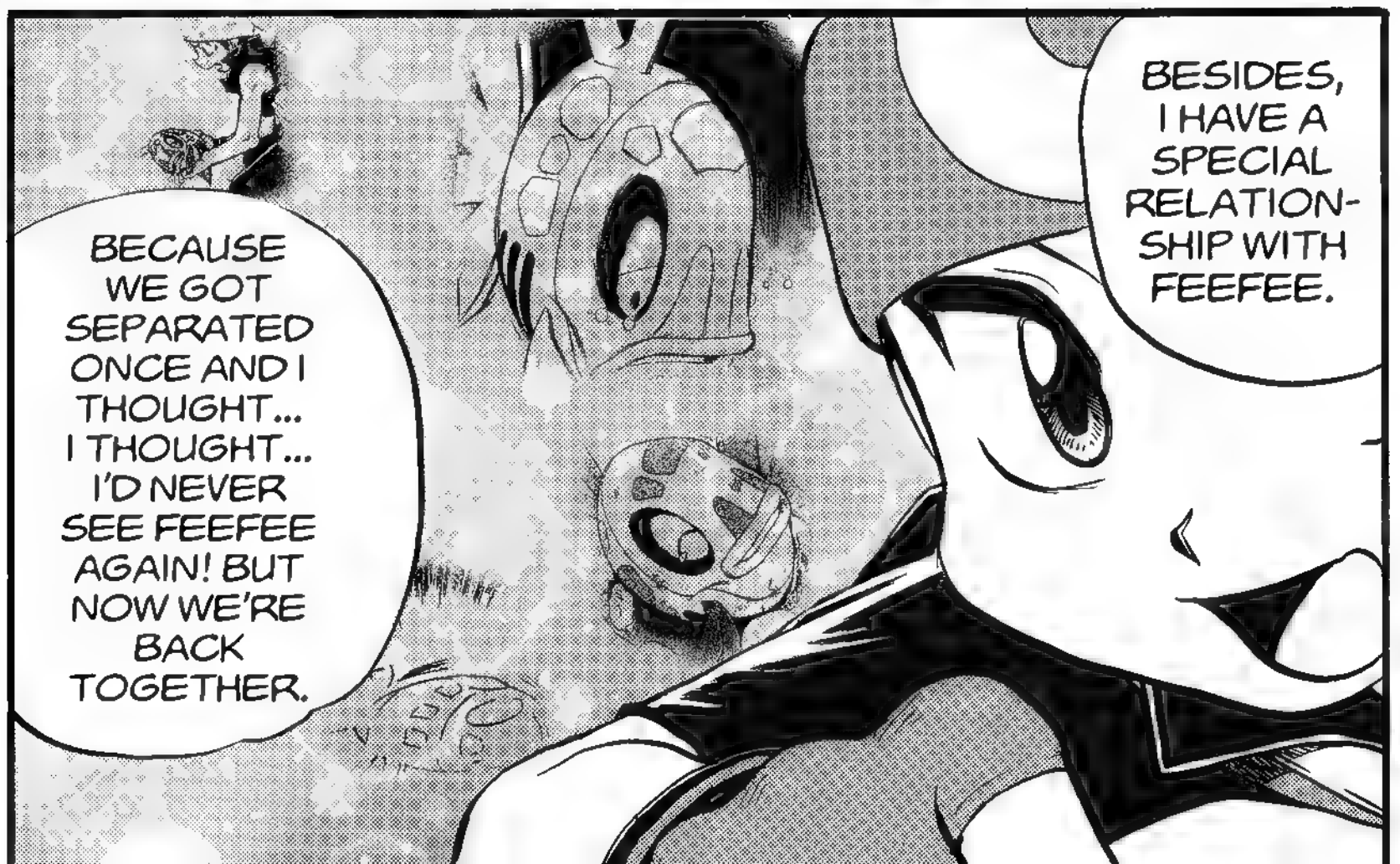
EMERALD SEEMS TO BE IN A HURRY TO WIN.

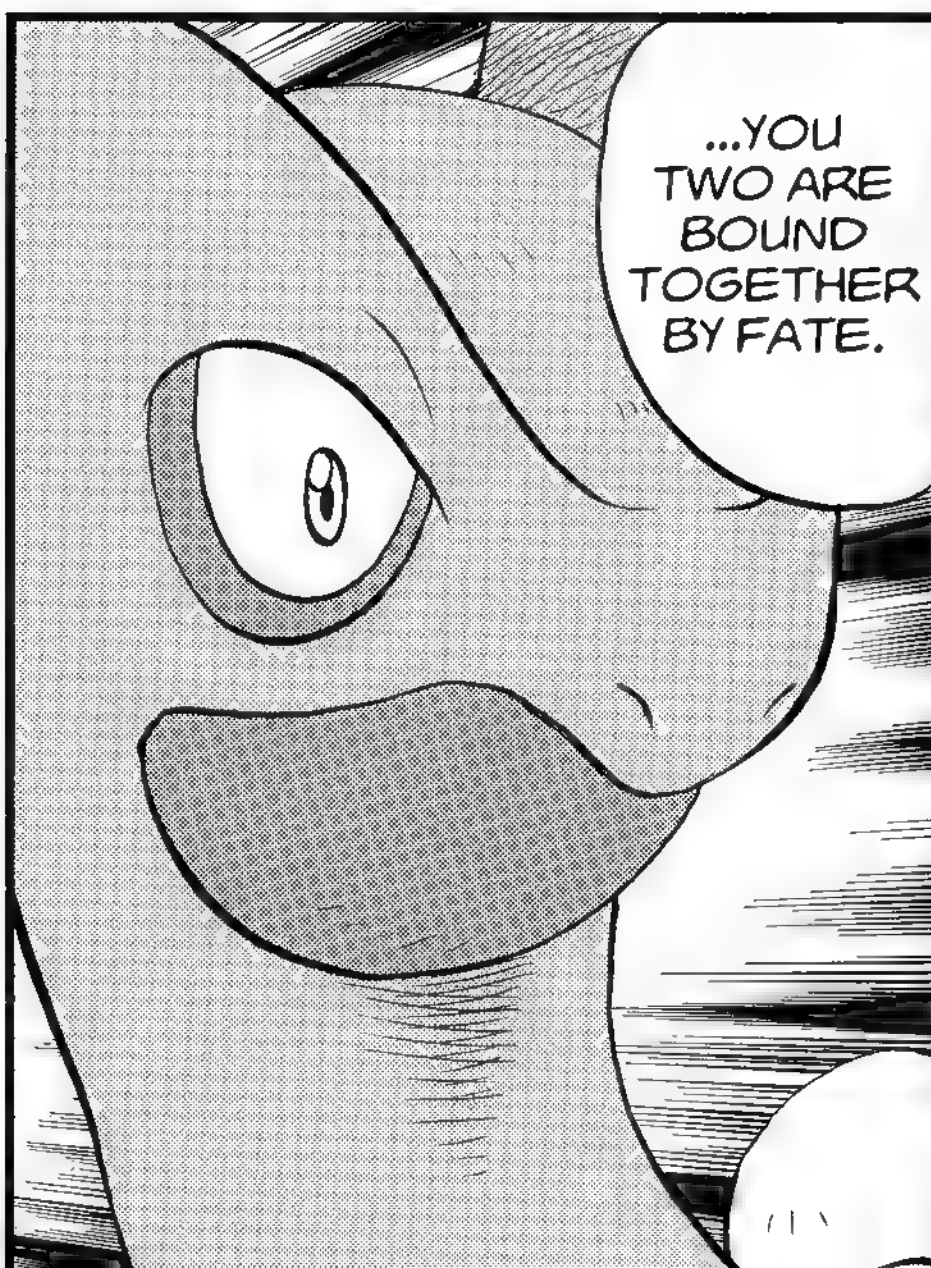
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO CHANGE MY STRATEGY.

KEEP ATTACKING, SCEPTILE!

THEY'VE EACH LOST A POKÉMON... SO THE TRAINER WHO DEFEATS ALREADY THE OPPOSING POKÉMON WILL MAKE IT INTO THE FINALS!

THE TRAINER CHOOSES TWO OF THEIR THREE POKÉMON FOR THIS BATTLE.







STOP IT!
YOU'RE
MESSING
WITH ME,
AREN'T YOU?!
BUT I WON'T
FALL FOR
THAT!

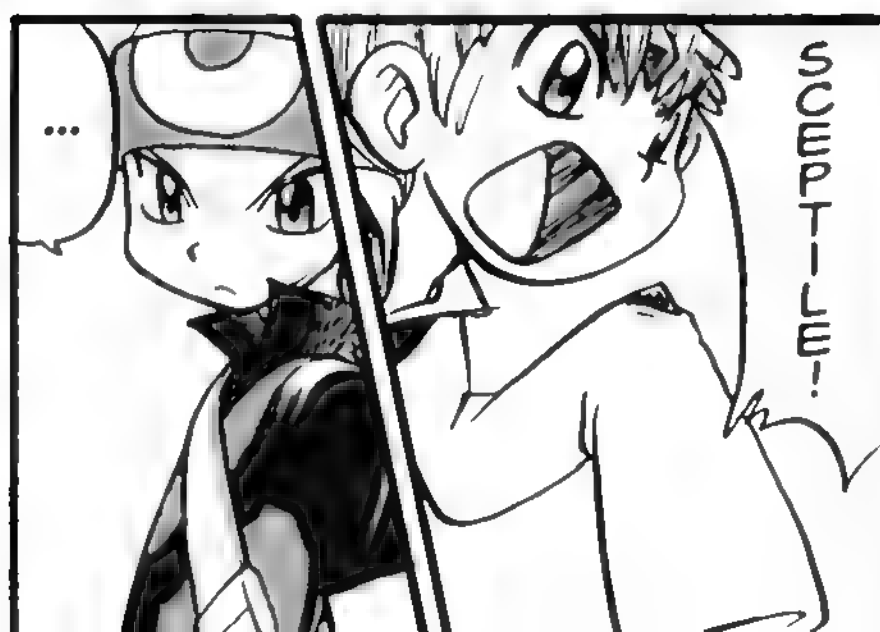
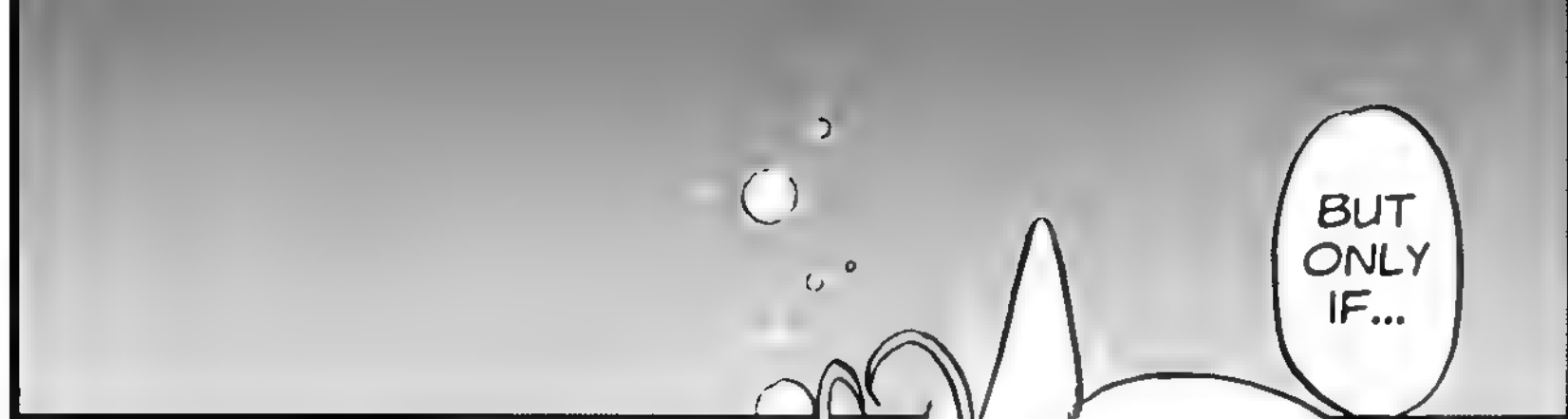
GET
RIGHT
UP
CLOSE
TO IT...

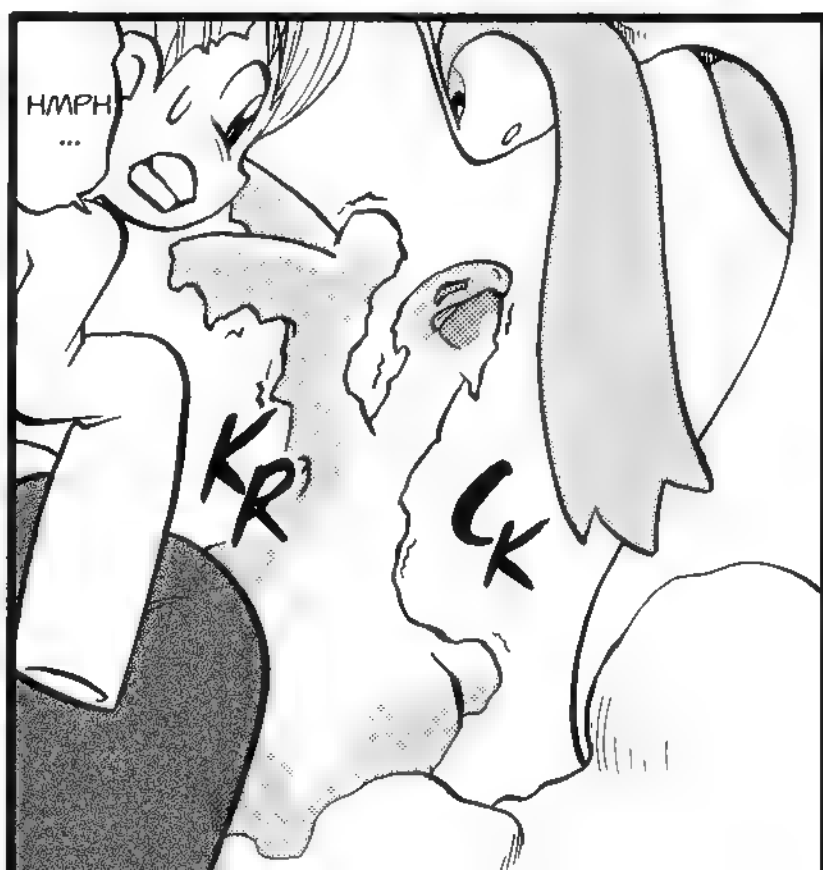
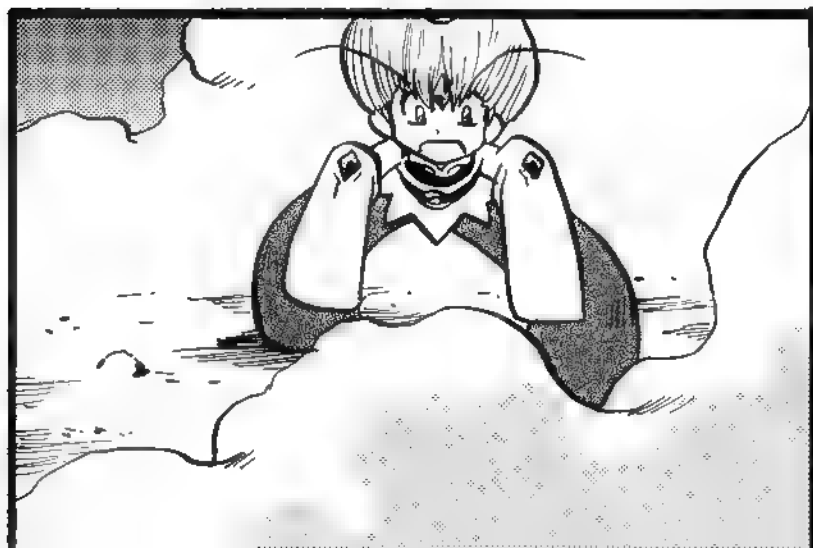
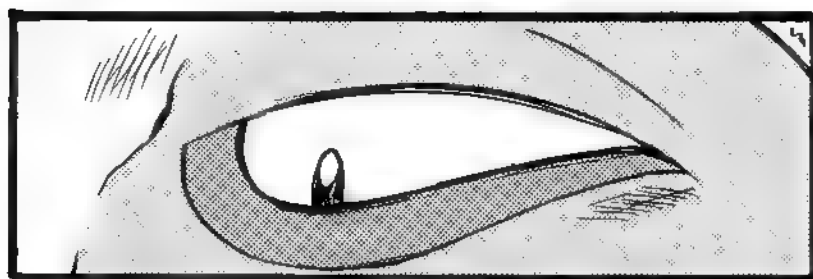
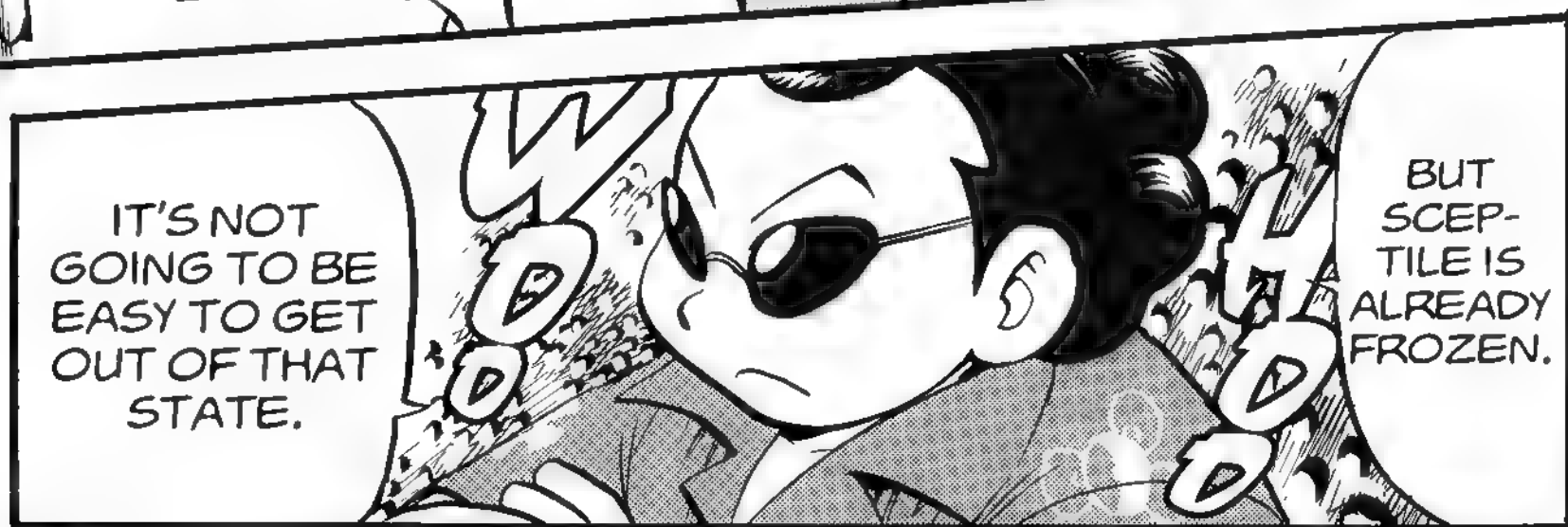
...AND
USE
LEAF
BLADE
FROM
THAT
POS-
ITION!!

ASA
MATTER
OF FACT,
IT'S THE
BEST
PLAN.

NOT
A BAD
PLAN.

KRACK







...EVEN
IF YOU'RE
SEPARATED.

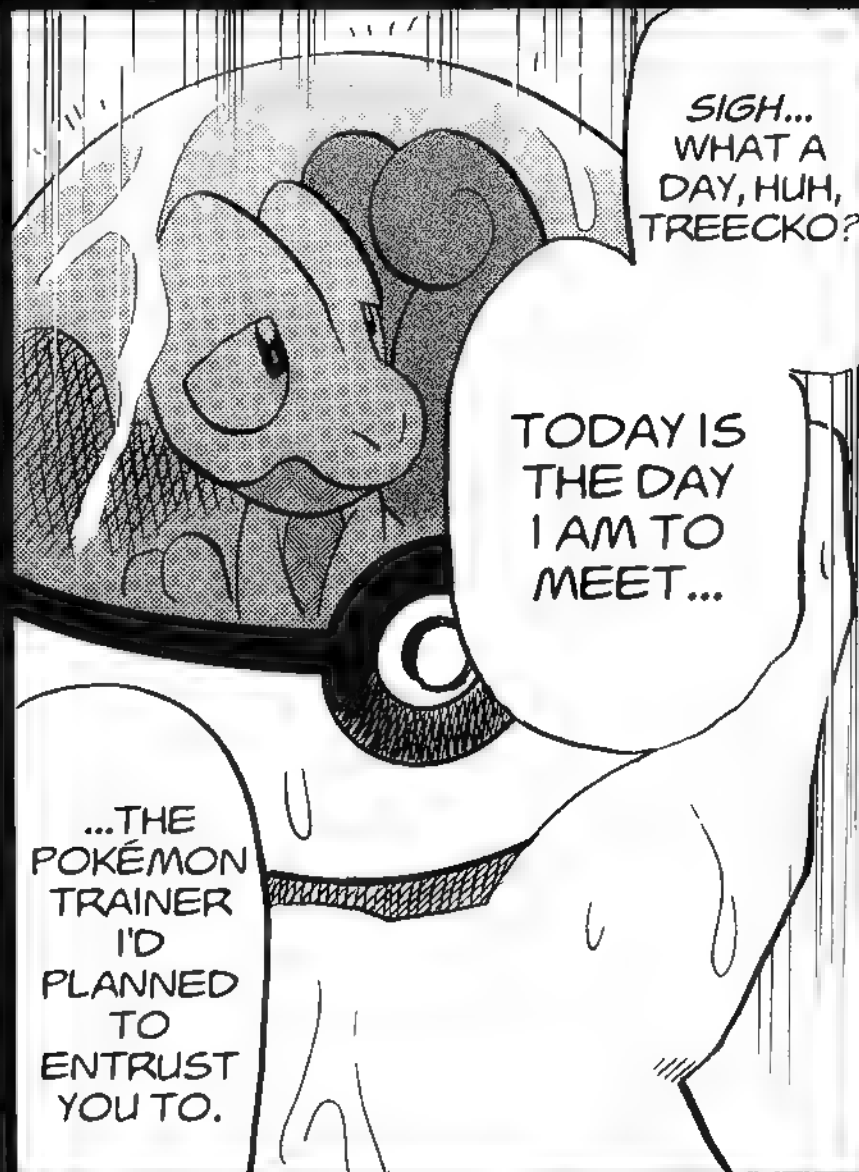
IF YOU'RE
MEANT TO BE
TOGETHER,
YOU WILL
BE...



THE
TRAINER
WHO'S REG-
ISTERED AS
THE THIRD
POKÉDEX
HOLDER.



THIS
FELLOW'S
NAME...



SIGH...
WHAT A
DAY, HUH,
TREECKO?

TODAY IS
THE DAY
I AM TO
MEET...

...THE
POKÉMON
TRAINER
I'D
PLANNED
TO
ENTRUST
YOU TO.

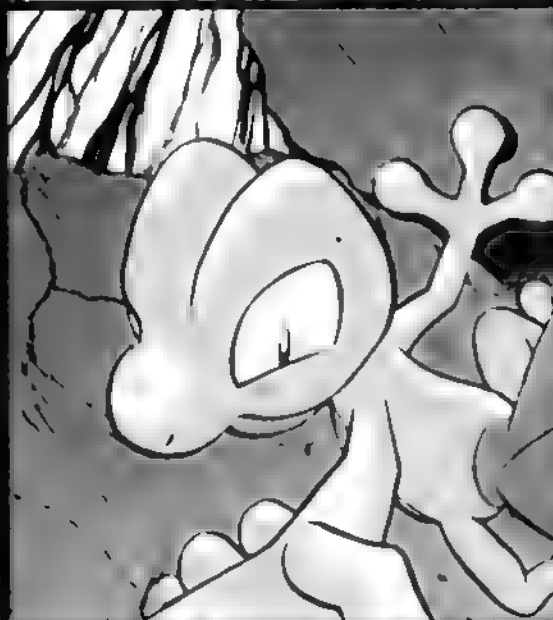
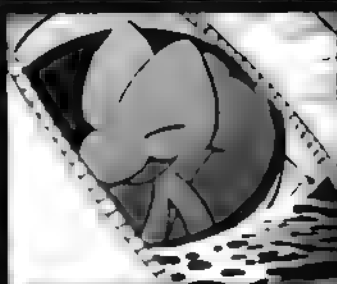
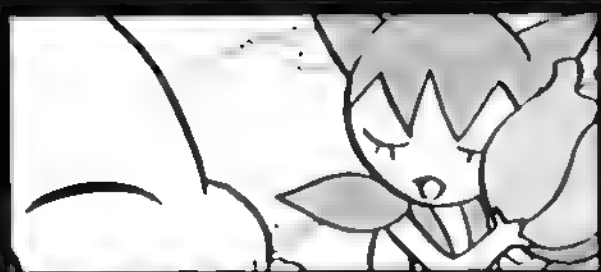


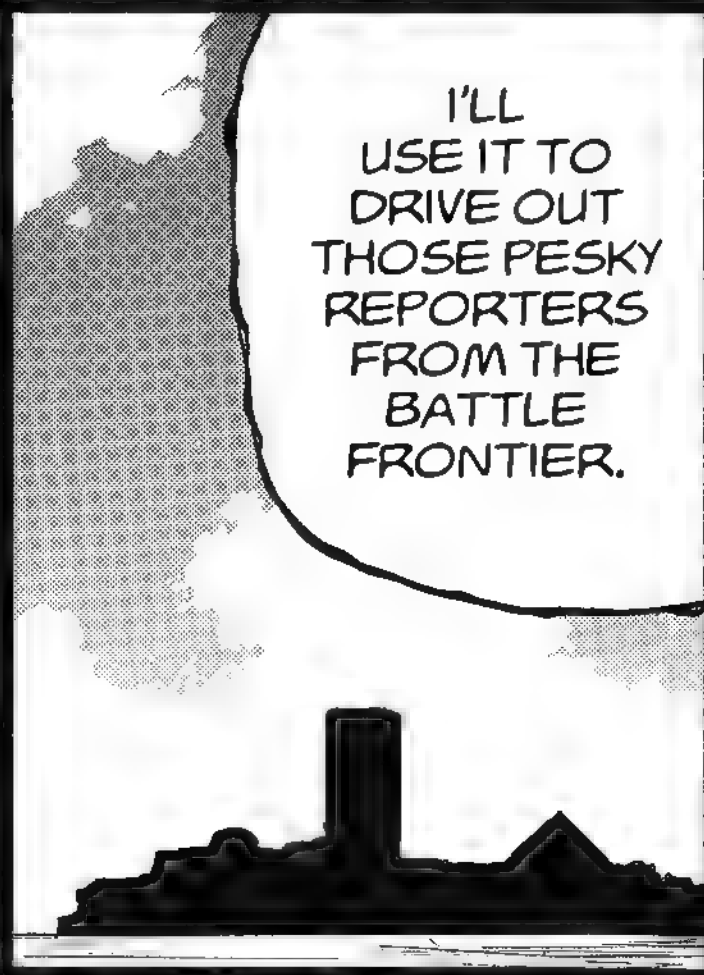
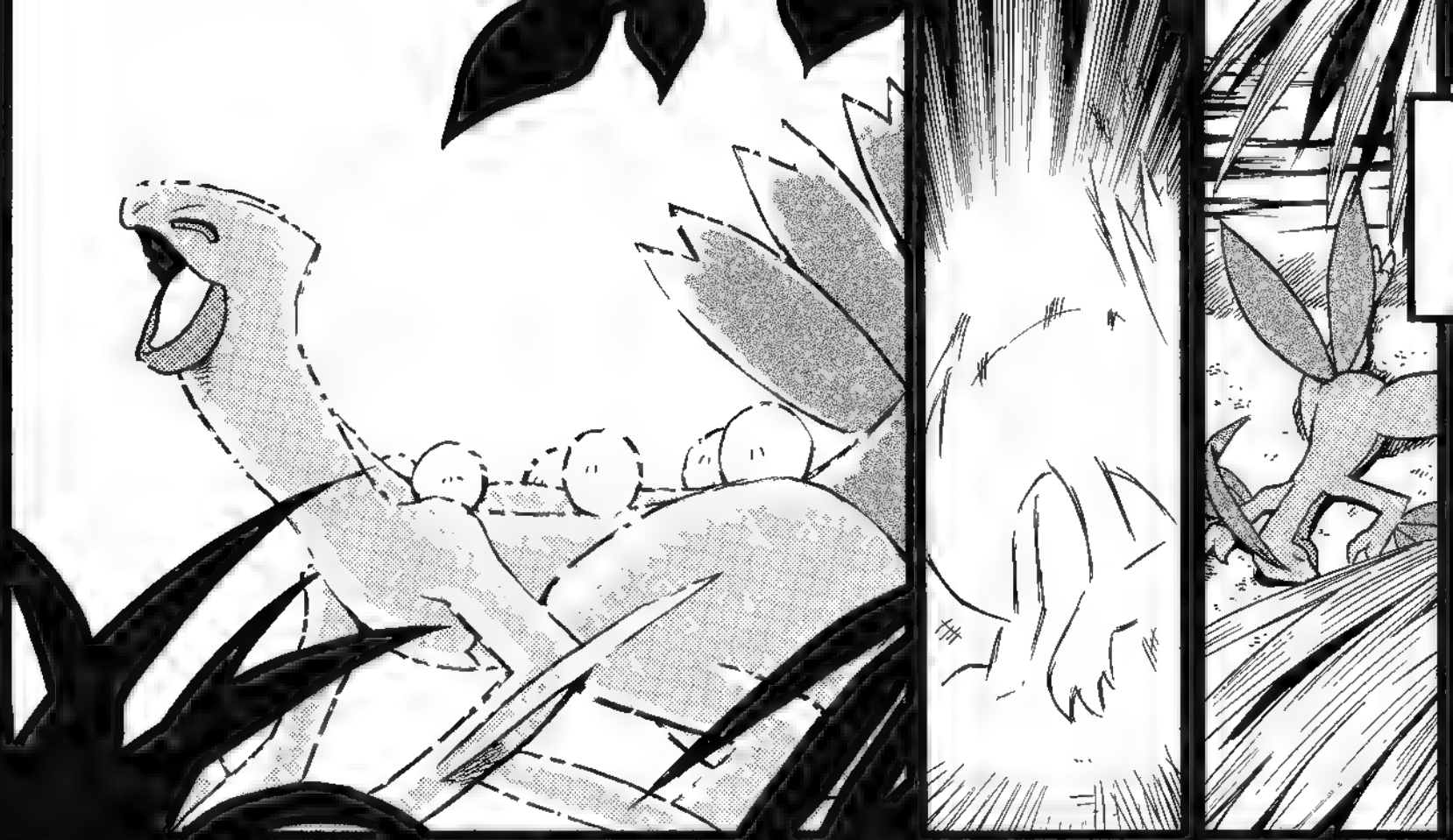
BUT...HE'S
GOING TO
BE YOUR
PARTNER,
TREECKO.

PROFES-
SOR OAK
SAID HE'S
RATHER
PECULIAR...



...IS
EMER-
ALD.





I'LL
USE IT TO
DRIVE OUT
THOSE PESKY
REPORTERS
FROM THE
BATTLE
FRONTIER.

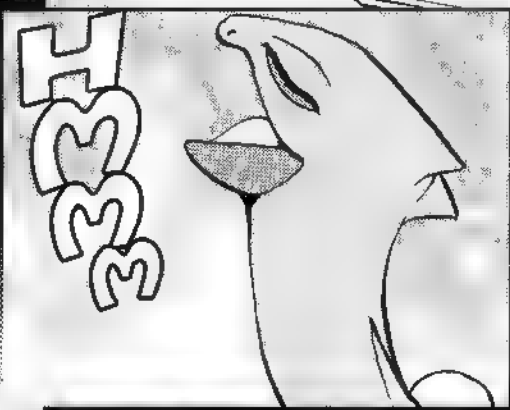


NOT
A BAD-
LOOKING
POKÉMON
...



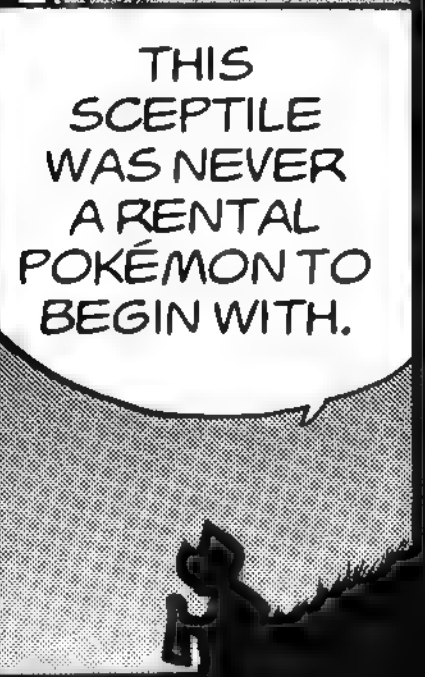
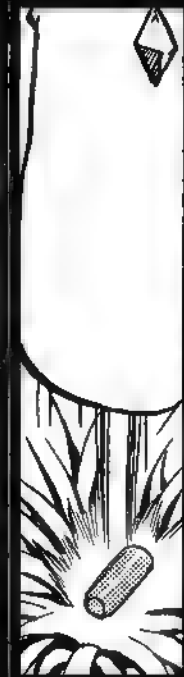
THAT
OUGHT
TO
CREATE
A
RUCKUS!

I'LL
SLIP THIS
IN AMONG
THE
RENTAL
POKÉMON
...



...I
HELPED
IT.

THAT'S
WHY...



THIS
SCEPTILE
WAS NEVER
A RENTAL
POKÉMON TO
BEGIN WITH.



SCEPTILE
WINS!
TRAINER
EMERALD
HAS MADE
IT INTO THE
FINALS!!

MILOTIC
HAS BEEN
KNOCKED
OUT!!

IT'S JUST
AS I
THOUGHT
...!

WOW... IT BROKE
OUT OF ITS FROZEN
STATE BY ITSELF AND
ATTACKED MILOTIC
WITH A REALLY
POWERFUL LEAF
BLADE...!

I
DON'T KNOW
HOW, BUT IT
LOOKS LIKE
IT'S BEEN
REUNITED WITH
ITS RIGHTFUL
TRAINER!

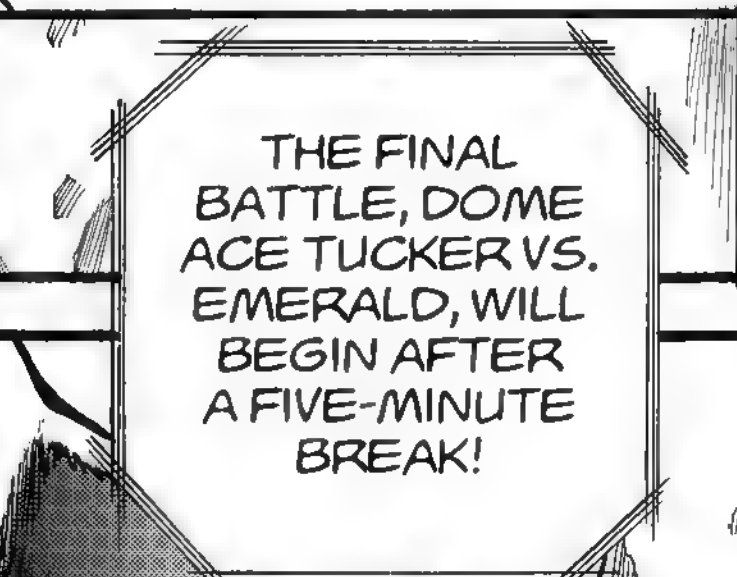
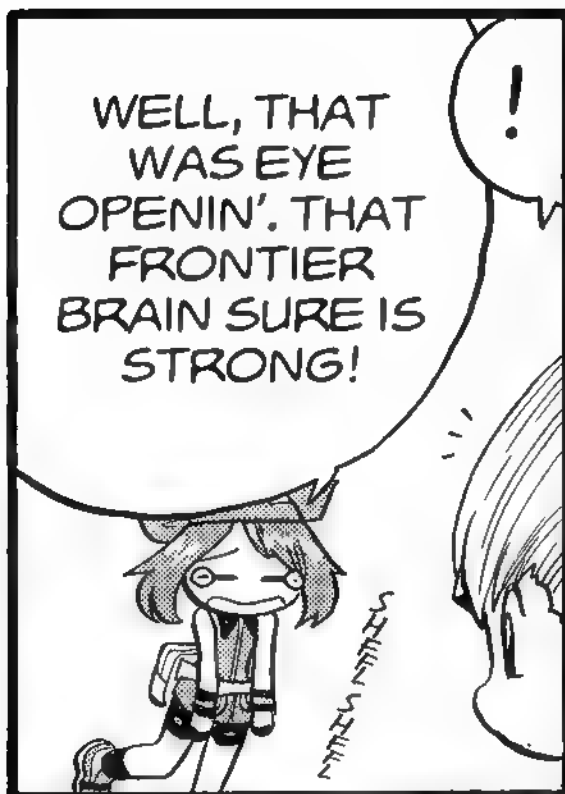
THAT
SCEPTILE IS
THE TREECKO
YOU WERE
ORIGINALLY
MEANT TO
HAVE!

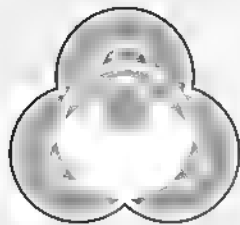
BETTER
THAN
THE
GREEN
ONE...

BETTER
THAN
THE
GREEN
ONE...

UH...IT
DOESN'T
LOOK VERY
BRIGHT...
BETTER THAN
THE GREEN
ONE, BUT...

IT MUST HAVE LOST ITS
MEMORY DUE TO SOME
KIND OF SHOCK. BUT IT
SEEMS BETTER NOW...
REMEMBER ME? WE
MET AT THE SECRET
BASE WHEN YOU WERE
STILL A TREECKO.





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FACILITY RULES

BATTLE PALACE 3

■ MOVE CATEGORY ■

All the moves are uniquely categorized at the Battle Palace. These are the three categories.

ATTACK

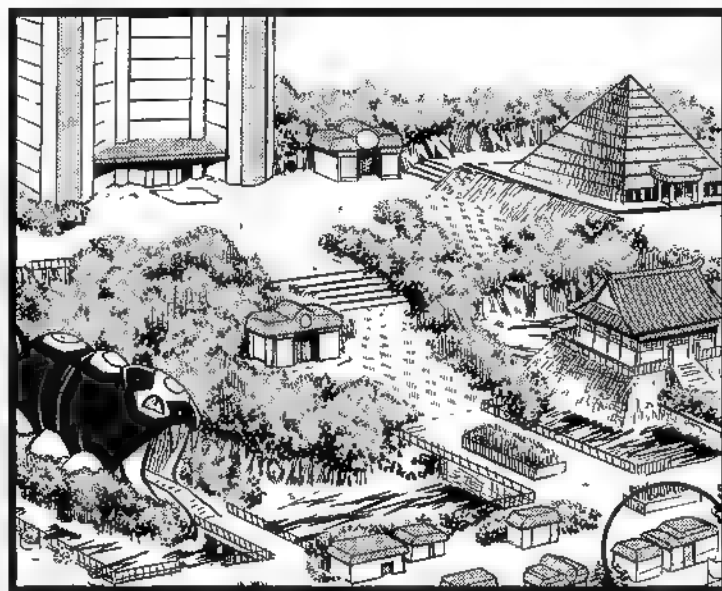
Moves like Iron Tail and Ice Beam that attack and damage an opponent.

DEFENSE

Moves like Rest and Swords Dance which boost the Pokémon's stats or heal damage and status conditions.

SUPPORT

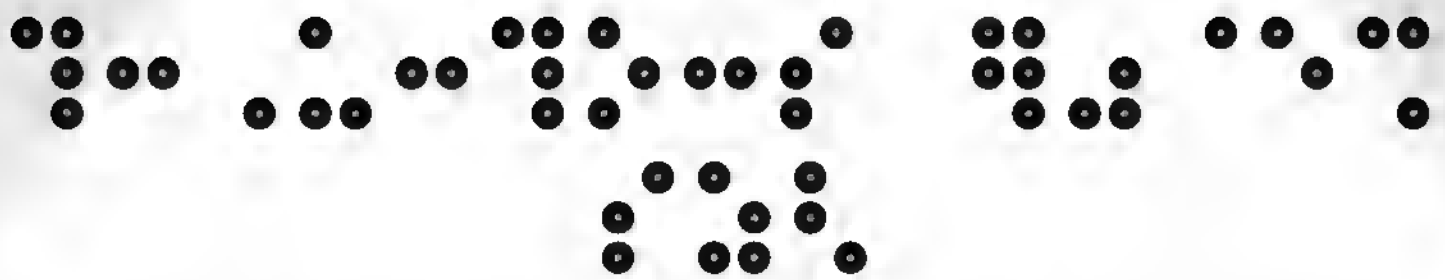
Moves like Toxic and Charm which lower the opponent's stats or give them status conditions.



The types of moves used by the Pokémon will depend on their Nature. You can receive help from an avid fan (west of the Battle Palace) who will teach you what kind of moves your Pokémon are inclined to choose when left to their own devices.

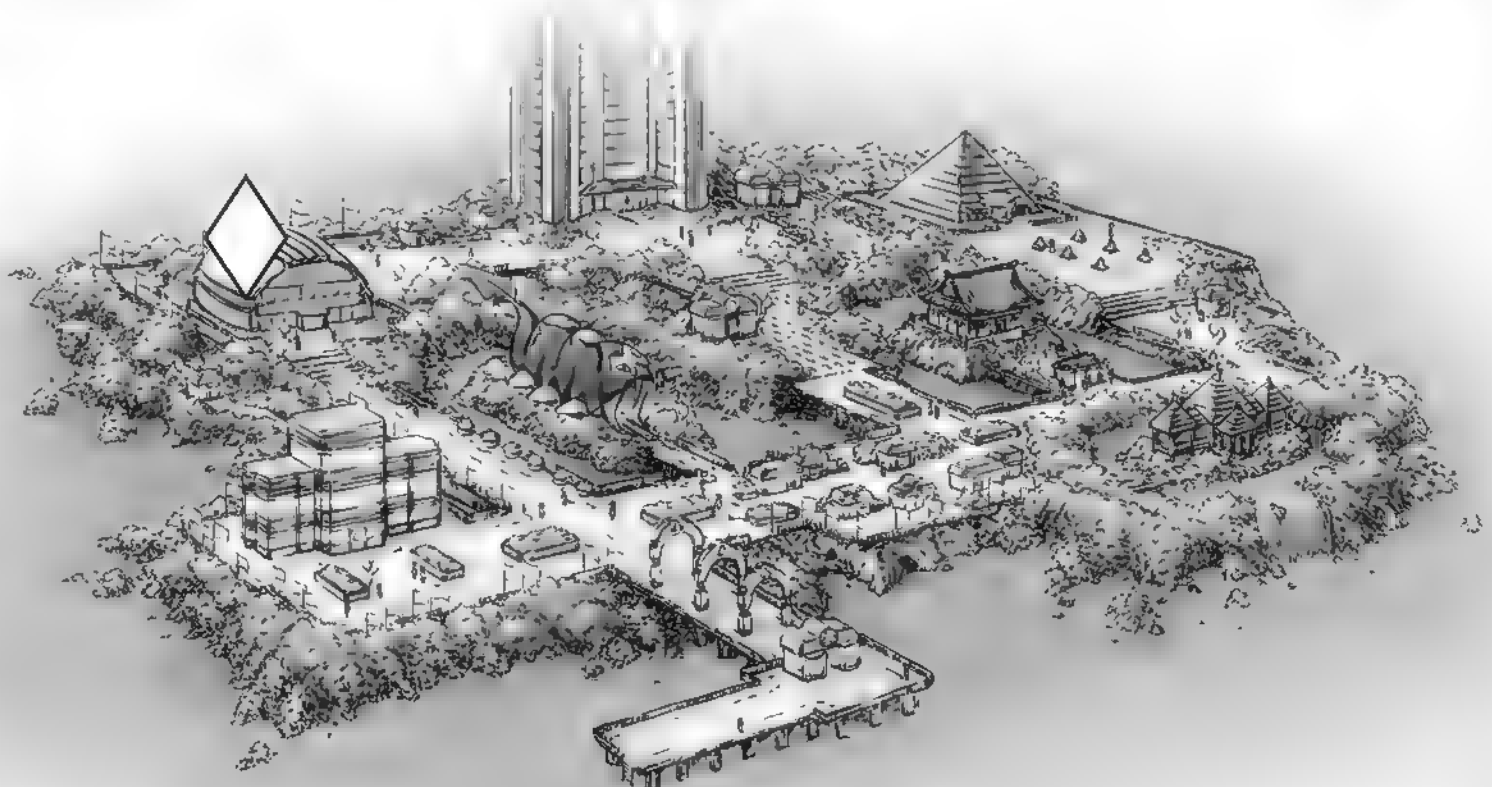


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A Cheeky Charizard Change-Up

I





SPECTATORS WHO WISH TO WATCH THE BATTLE AT THE BATTLE DOME...

...LINE UP OVER HERE.

THE GATES WILL OPEN SHORTLY! PLEASE BE PATIENT!

I'M THE PIKE QUEEN. SO WHY...

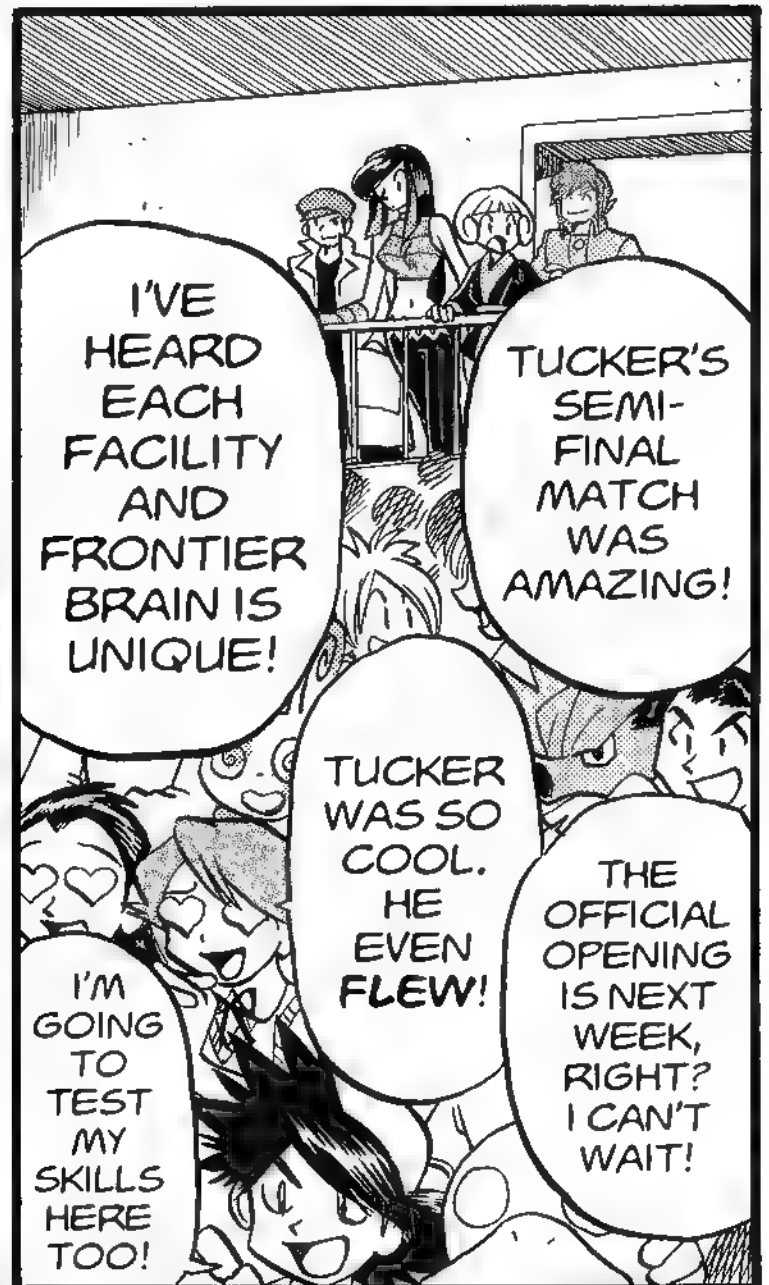
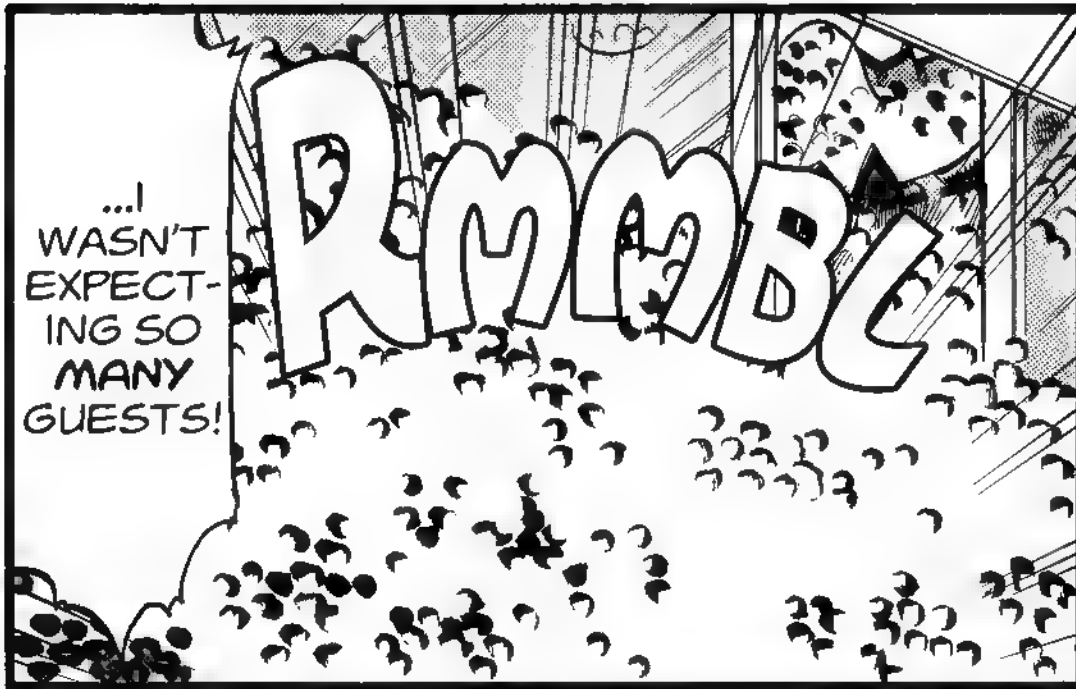
I'M THE ARENA TYCOON. SO WHY...

WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW OR WHERE GUILF WILL LAUNCH HIS ATTACK, SO IT'S OUR JOB AS FRONTIER BRAINS TO PROTECT OUR GUESTS.

THIS WAS ANABEL'S IDEA.

NOW NOW, YOU TWO...

...ARE WE ACTING AS USHERS ?!



OKAY, THE
SPECTATORS
ARE INSIDE
THE
STADIUM...
SO LET'S GO
AND CHEER
ON TUCKER!

RIGHT!

UH-HUH.
AND THAT'S
WHY WE
WANT THE
OPENING
DAY OF THE
BATTLE
FRONTIER
TO GO OFF
WITHOUT A
HITCH.

THAT
WISH
POKÉ-
MON...

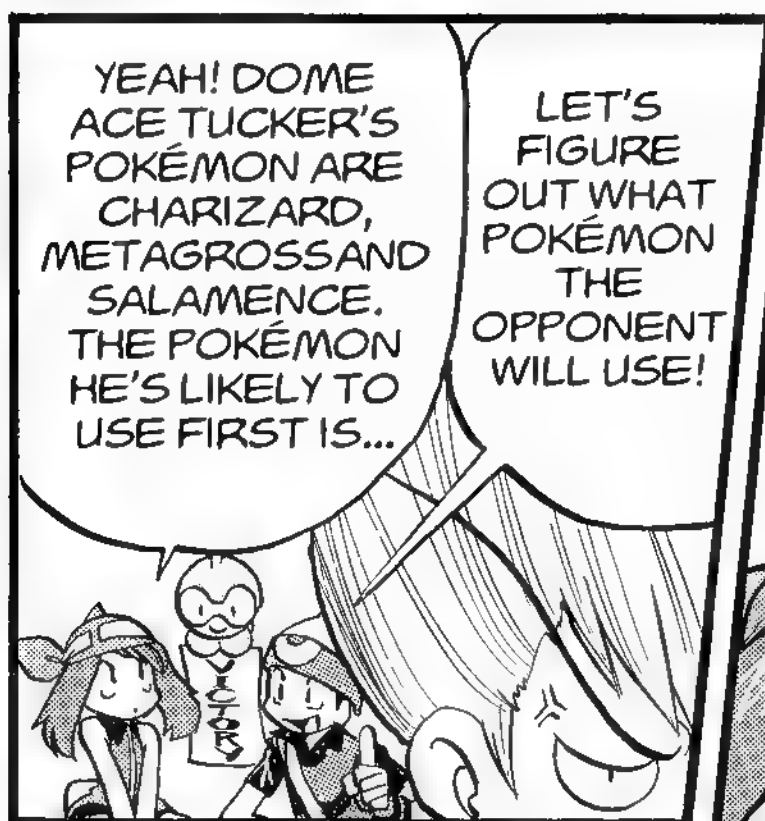
YEP.

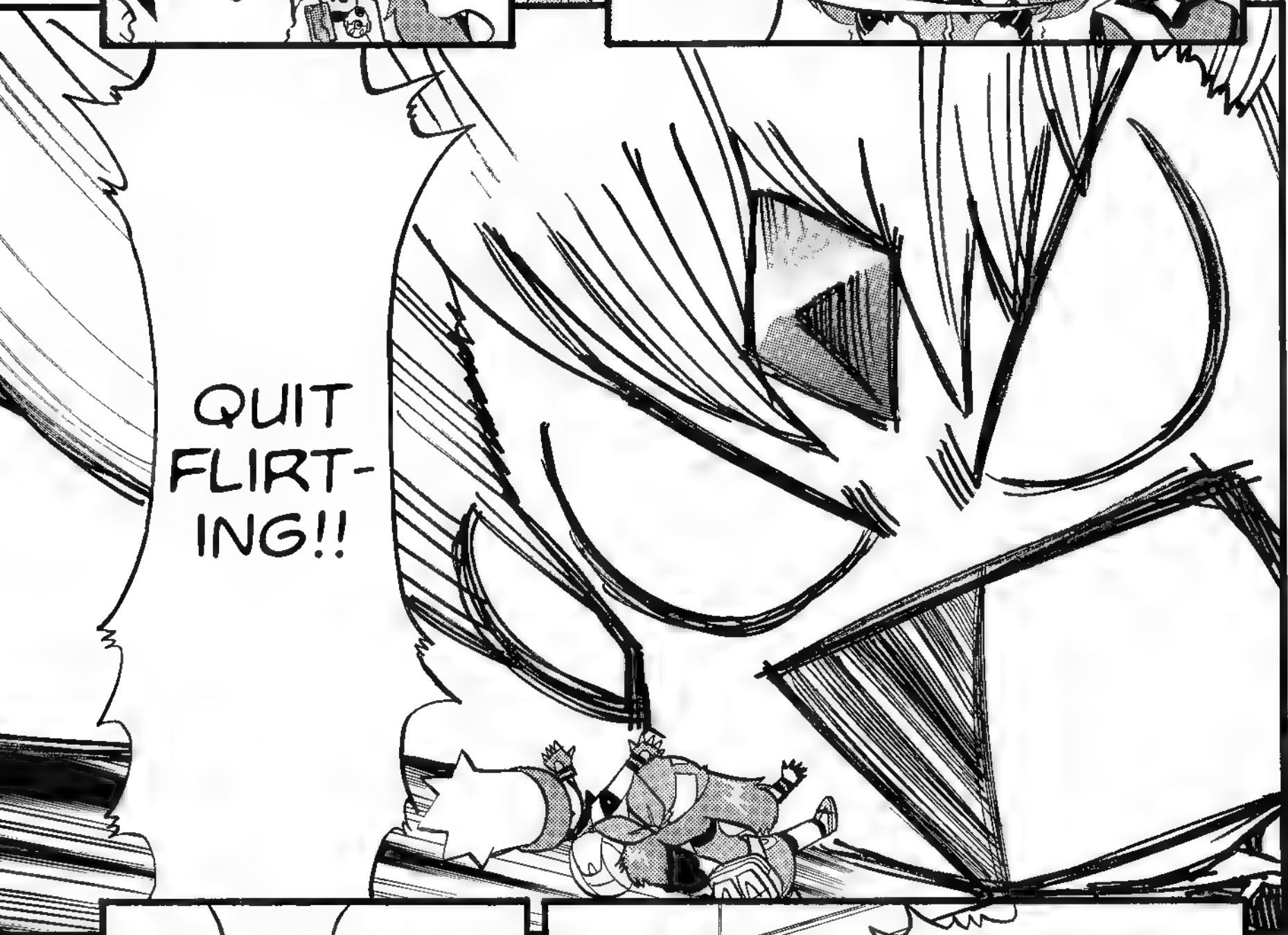
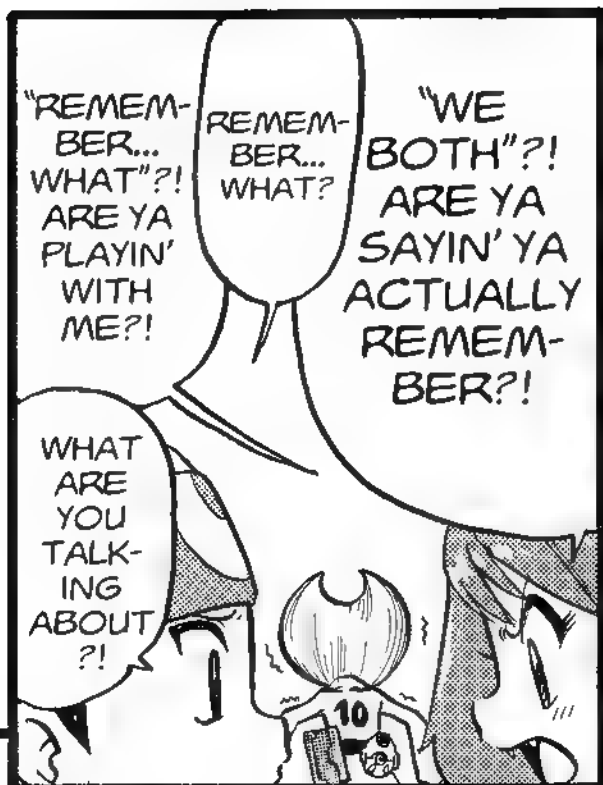
FIND
OUT
ANY-
THING
USEFUL
?!

OH!
WE MANAGED
TO DO SOME
RESEARCH
WHILE YOU
WERE
USHERING.

I'VE
FIGURED
OUT A WAY
TO FIND IT
BEFORE
GUILF
DOES!!

...
JIRACHI
...



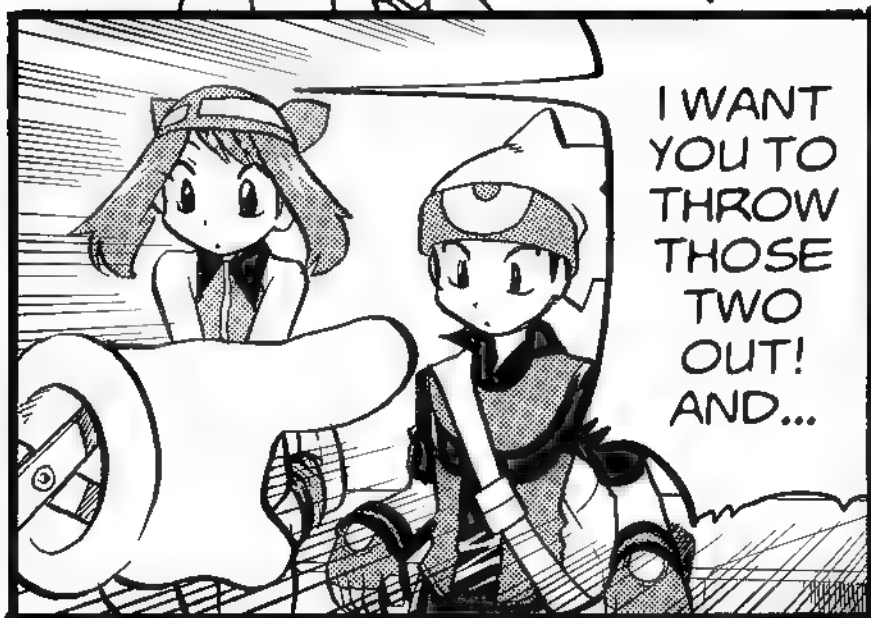


YOUR
SCEPTILE
SEEMS
ESPECIALLY
HAPPY,
EMERALD.

THOSE THREE
HAVE BEEN
INSEPARABLE
SINCE THEY
RECOGNIZED
EACH OTHER
FROM THE BIRCH
RESEARCH
LABORATORY.



JUDGE
?!



I WANT
YOU TO
THROW
THOSE
TWO
OUT!
AND...

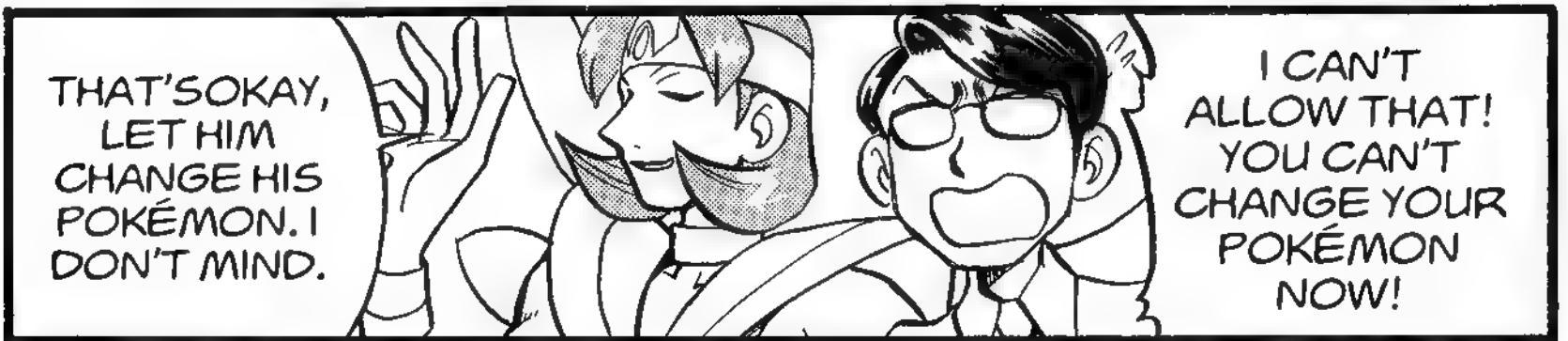
TIME,
TIME,
TIME
!!

YER A LUCKY
TRAINER TO HAVE
SUCH A CUTE AND
LOVIN' POKÉMON.
YER GONNA HAVE
SCEPTILE FIGHT
IN THE FINALS,
RIGHT? IN THAT
CASE...



...I WANT
TO CHANGE
THE
POKÉMON
I'M USING
IN THIS
BATTLE!

I
CHOSE
THE
WRONG
POKÉ-
MON!



THAT'S OKAY,
LET HIM
CHANGE HIS
POKÉMON. I
DON'T MIND.

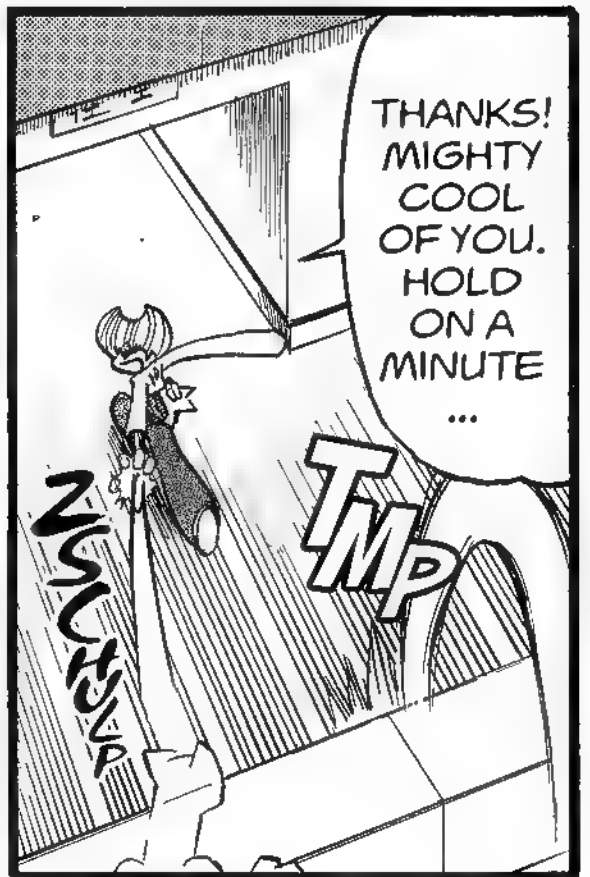
I CAN'T
ALLOW THAT!
YOU CAN'T
CHANGE YOUR
POKÉMON
NOW!



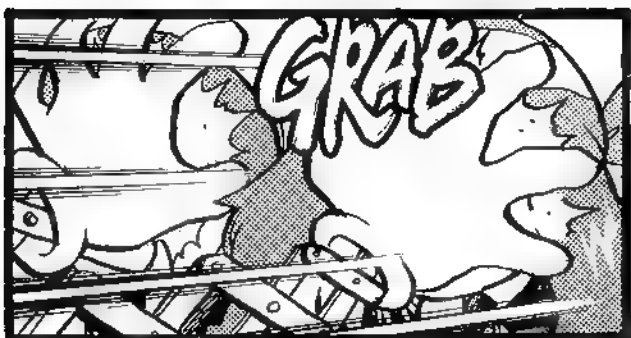
HEY,
EMER-
ALD!
ARE
YOU
SURE
ABOUT
THIS?

UM...
THIS ONE
AND THIS
ONE
AND THIS
ONE...

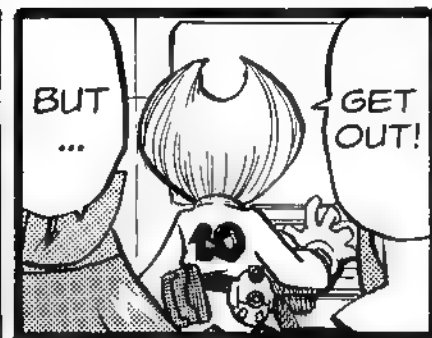
UM, I NEED
TO ACCESS
CRYSTAL'S
COMPUTER
AND ASK
HER TO
SEND ME
DIFFERENT
POKÉMON
...!



THANKS!
MIGHTY
COOL
OF YOU.
HOLD
ON A
MINUTE
...

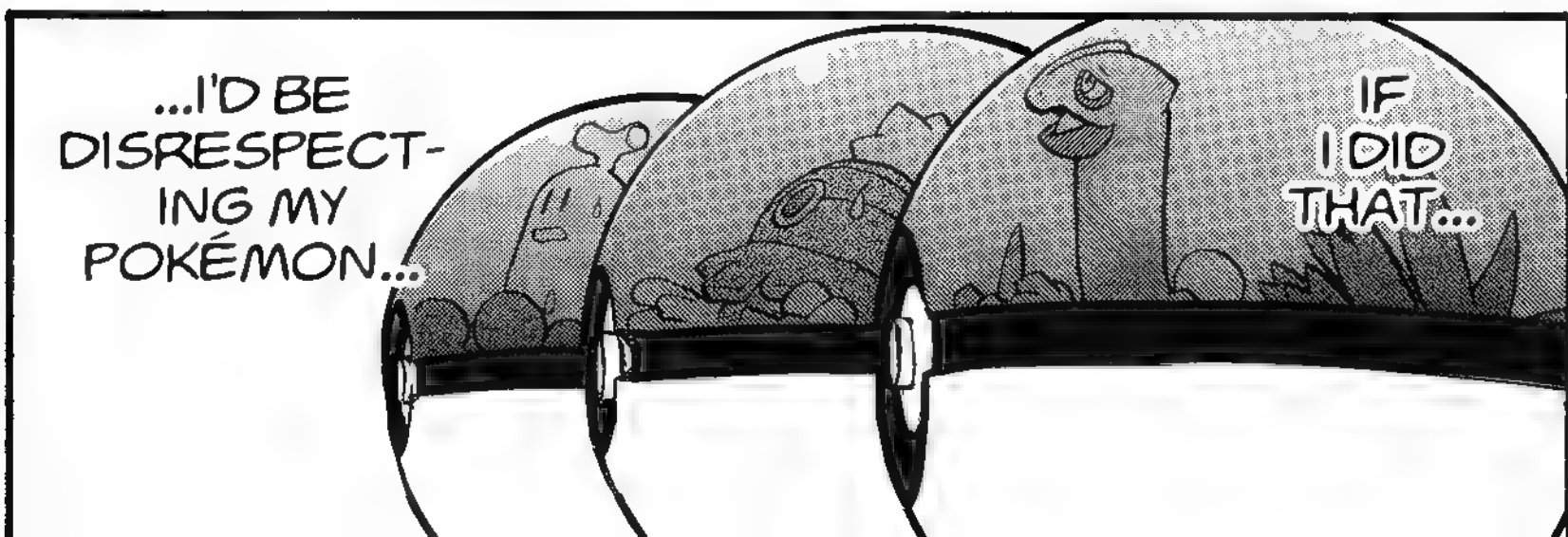
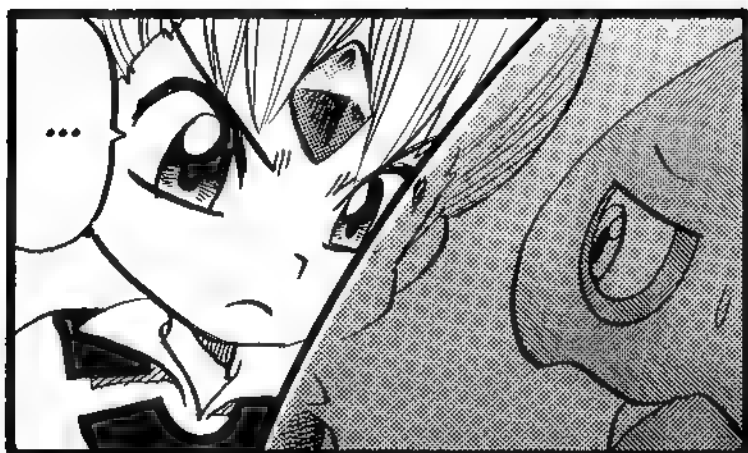


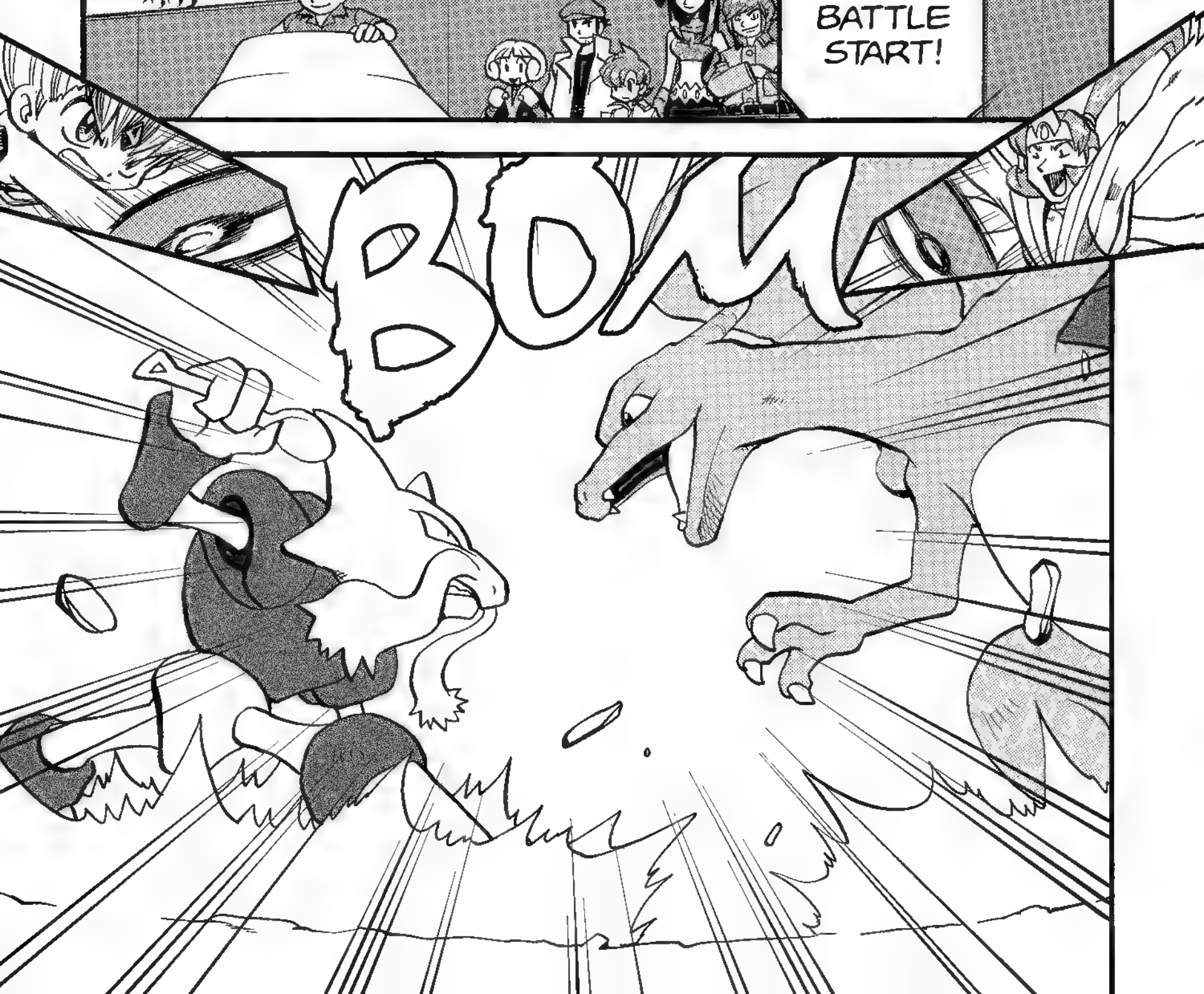
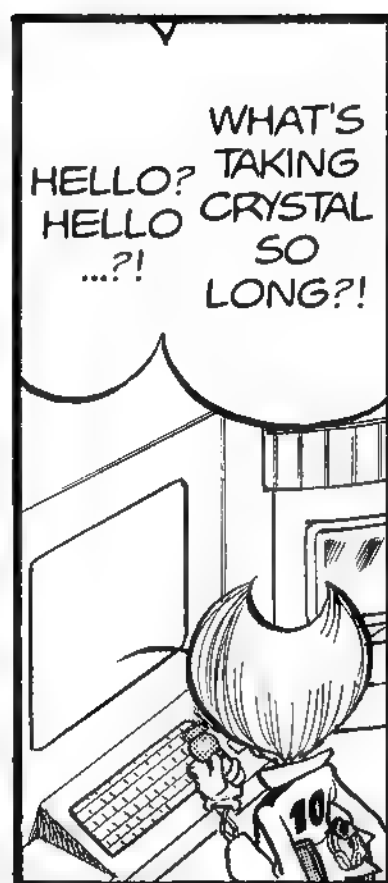
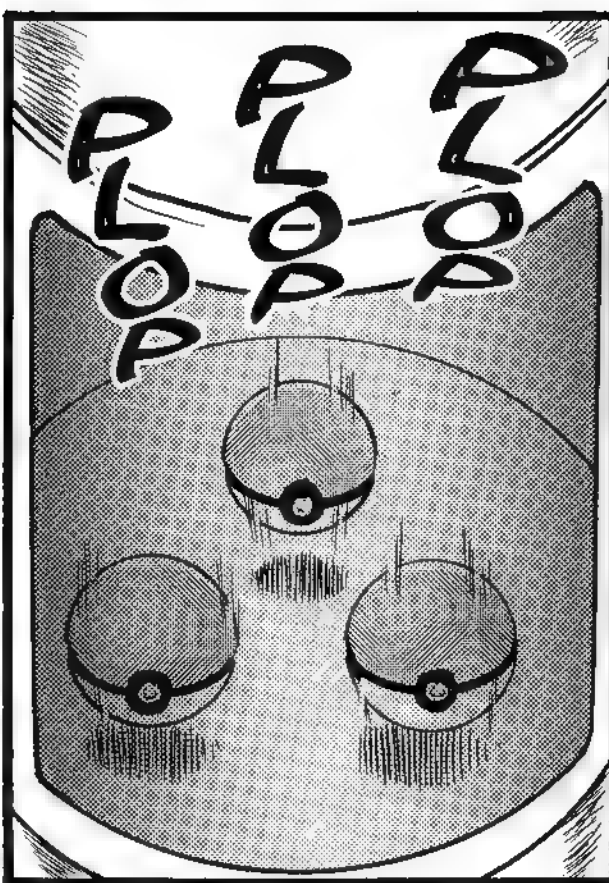
GRAB



BUT
...

GET
OUT!





AND TO
TOP IT
OFF,
IT CAN
NOW
USE...

THIS
ALAKAZAM
SURVIVED
THE BATTLE
PYRAMID
UNTIL THE
NINTH
ROUND!

...
THUNDER
PUNCH!

...I CHOSE
THE MOVE
WHICH HAS
AN
ADVANTAGE
AGAINST
FLYING-TYPE
POKÉMON!

THUNDER,
FIRE, ICE!
OF THE
THREE
PUNCH
MOVES...



PRETTY
POWER-
FUL,
HUH?





NEXT!

ONCE
THEIR FIRST
POKÉMON
HAS BEEN
DEFEATED,
THE BATTLE
CAN END VERY
SWIFTLY.

AT THE
BATTLE DOME,
THE TRAINERS
MUST CHOOSE
TWO OF THEIR
THREE
POKÉMON.

==SUOJOD-IMZ



ROCK
TOMB
!!

DID HE
CALL
OUT
THE
WRONG
POKÉ-
MON?!

EMERALD
IS AT A
DISAD-
VANTAGE
AGAIN...!

IF THAT
HELPS IT
ATTACK
FIRST...

META-
GROSS
IS
HOLDING
A QUICK
CLAW!



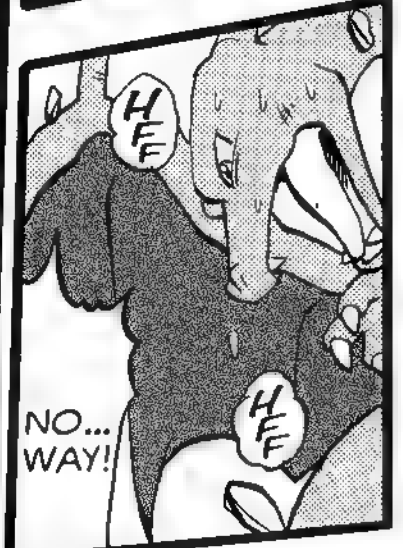
==>IMMEDIATE!!

OOO
UU
FOOF



THAT
SHOULD
DO THE
TRICK...

!!

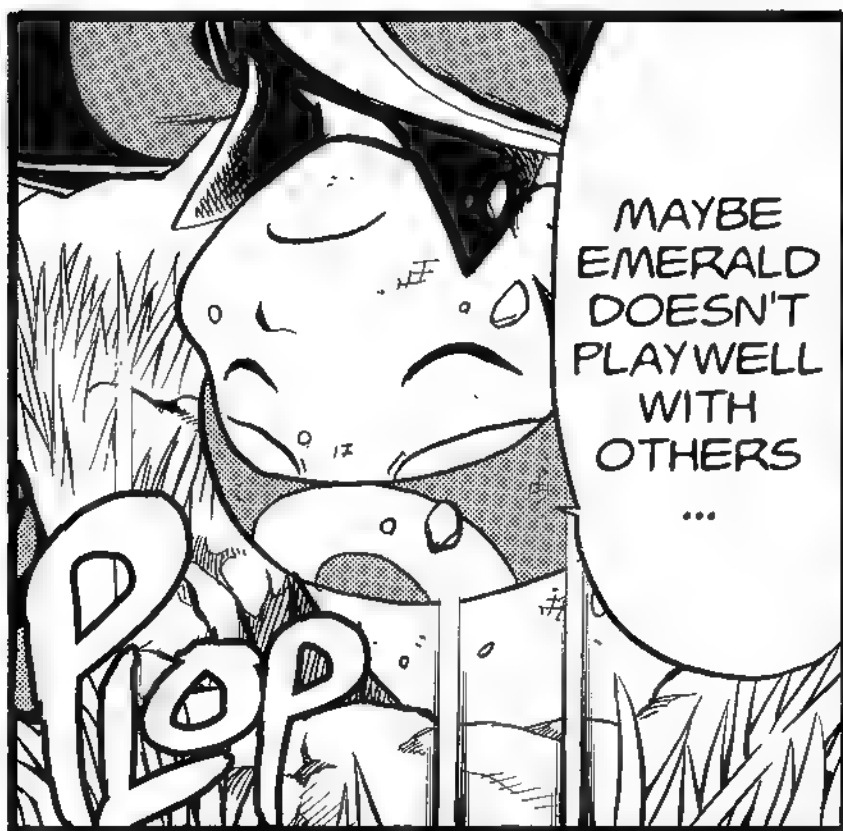


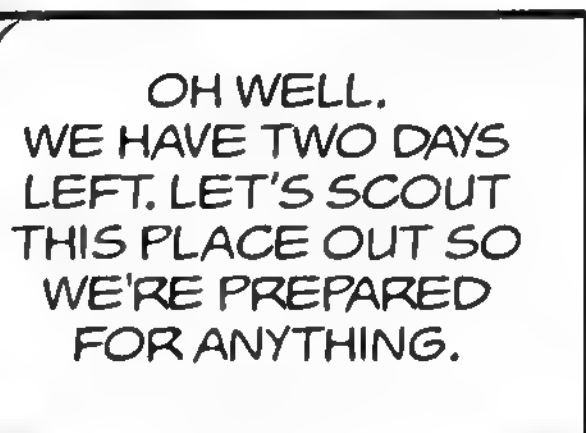
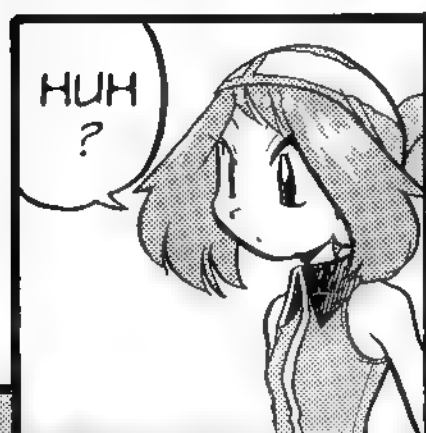
NO...
WAY!



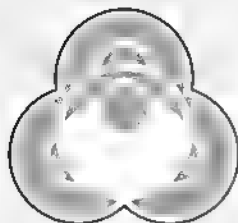
NOW
IT'S MY
TURN!

FOOF









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FACILITY RULES

BATTLE TOWER 1

| Battle-type | Number of Pokémon | Type of Symbol | Wins needed to attain the Symbol |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--|
| • Single • Double • Multi | 3 Pokémon | Ability | 7 Wins × 10 Rounds = 70 Consecutive Wins |

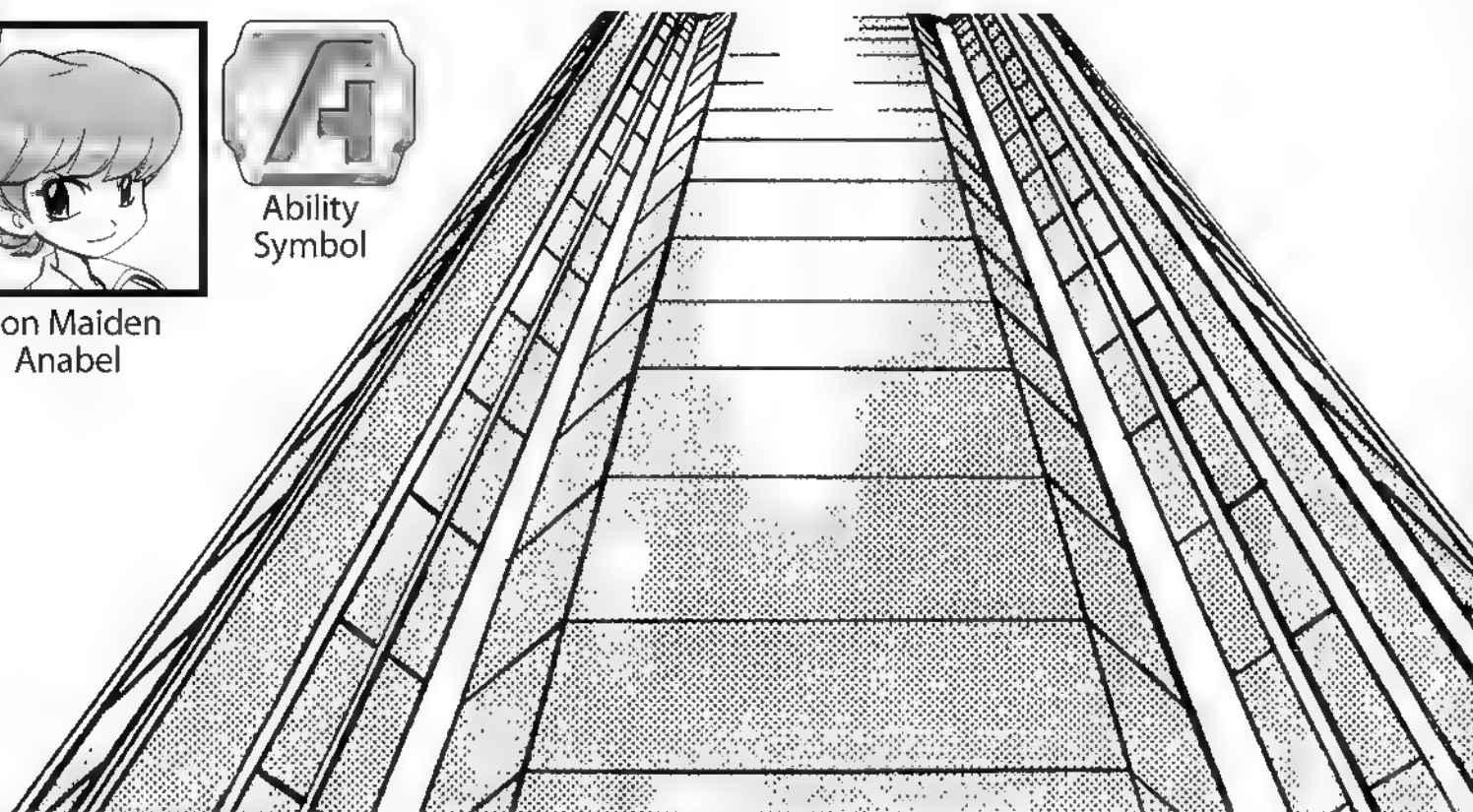
The symbol of the Battle Frontier, the large building to the north, is the Battle Tower. This facility existed before the other six facilities were built, so I'm sure you know all about it already. It's a facility for classic Pokémon Battles, so there are no new rules or gimmicks as there are in the other six facilities. Here, the challengers may enjoy a simple battle showing off the Pokémon's and Trainer's skills.



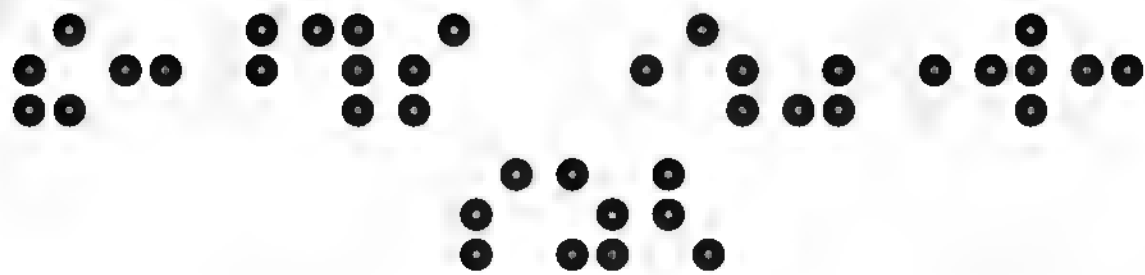
Salon Maiden
Anabel



Ability
Symbol



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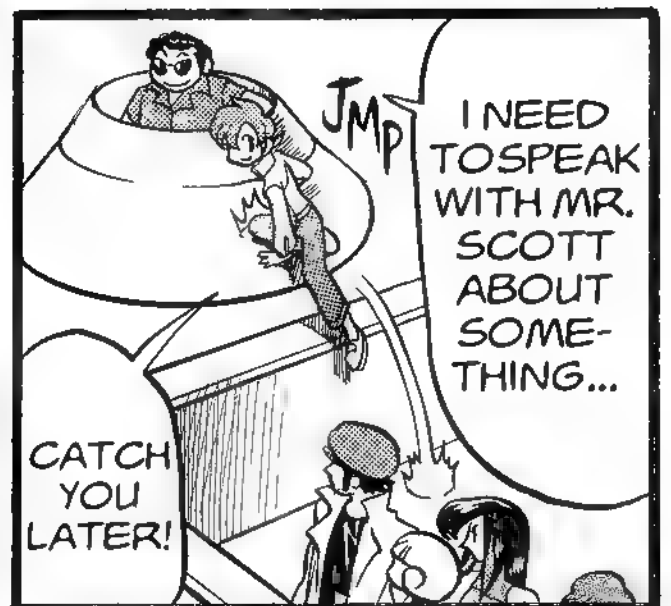
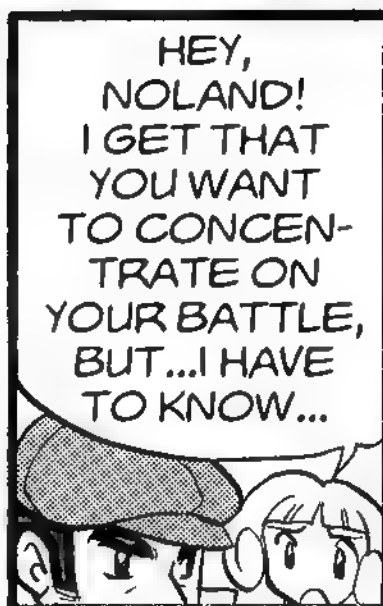
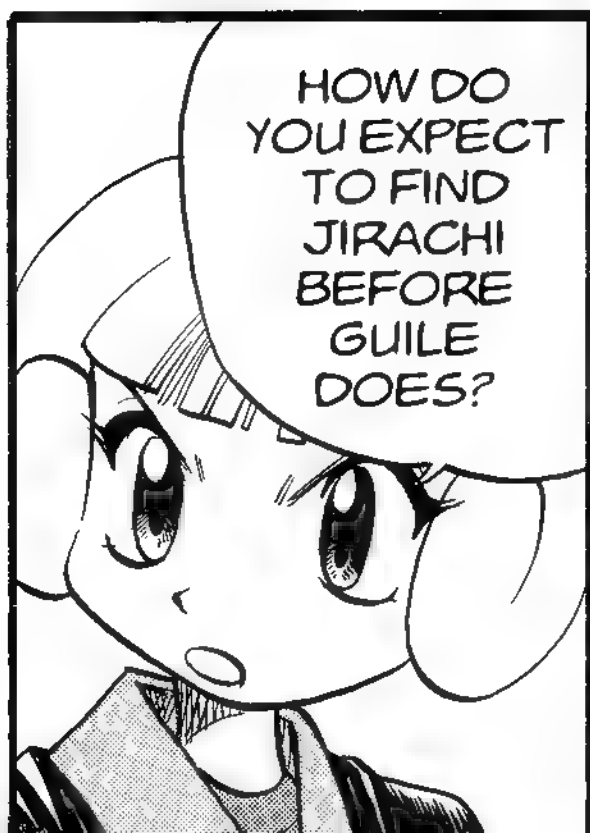
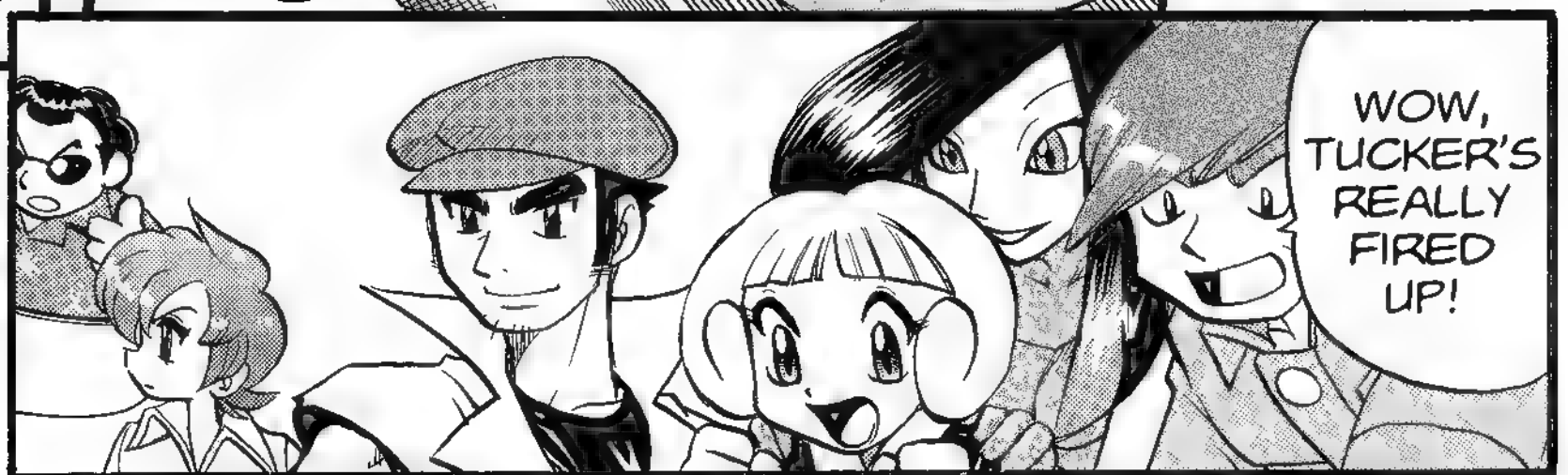


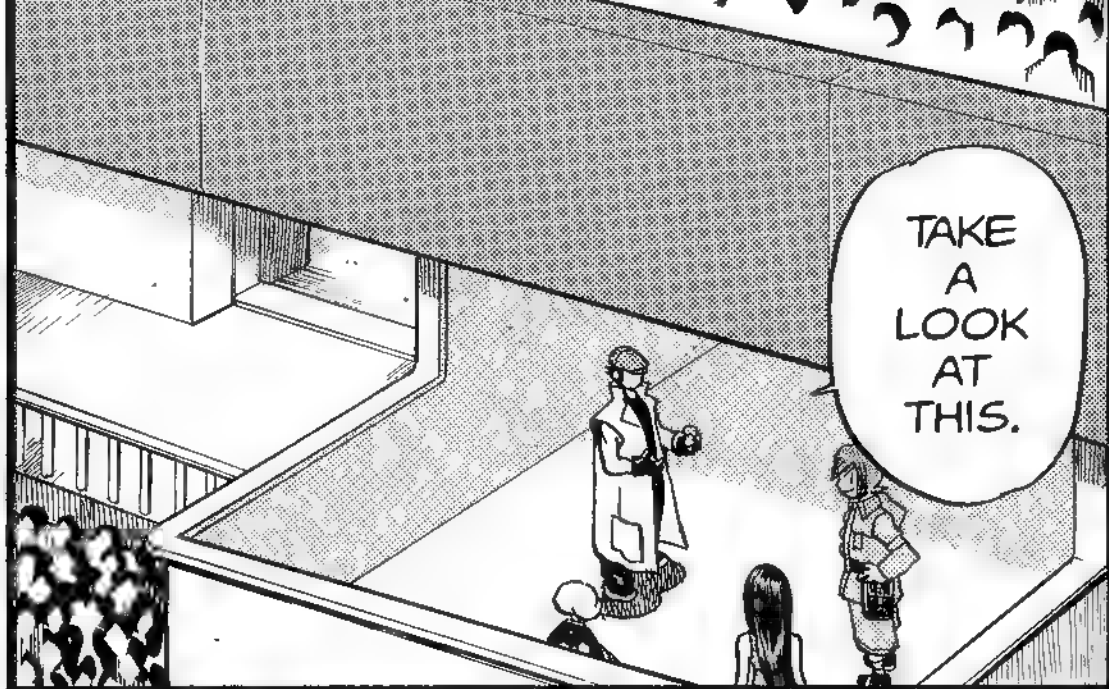
A Cheeky Charizard Change-Up II

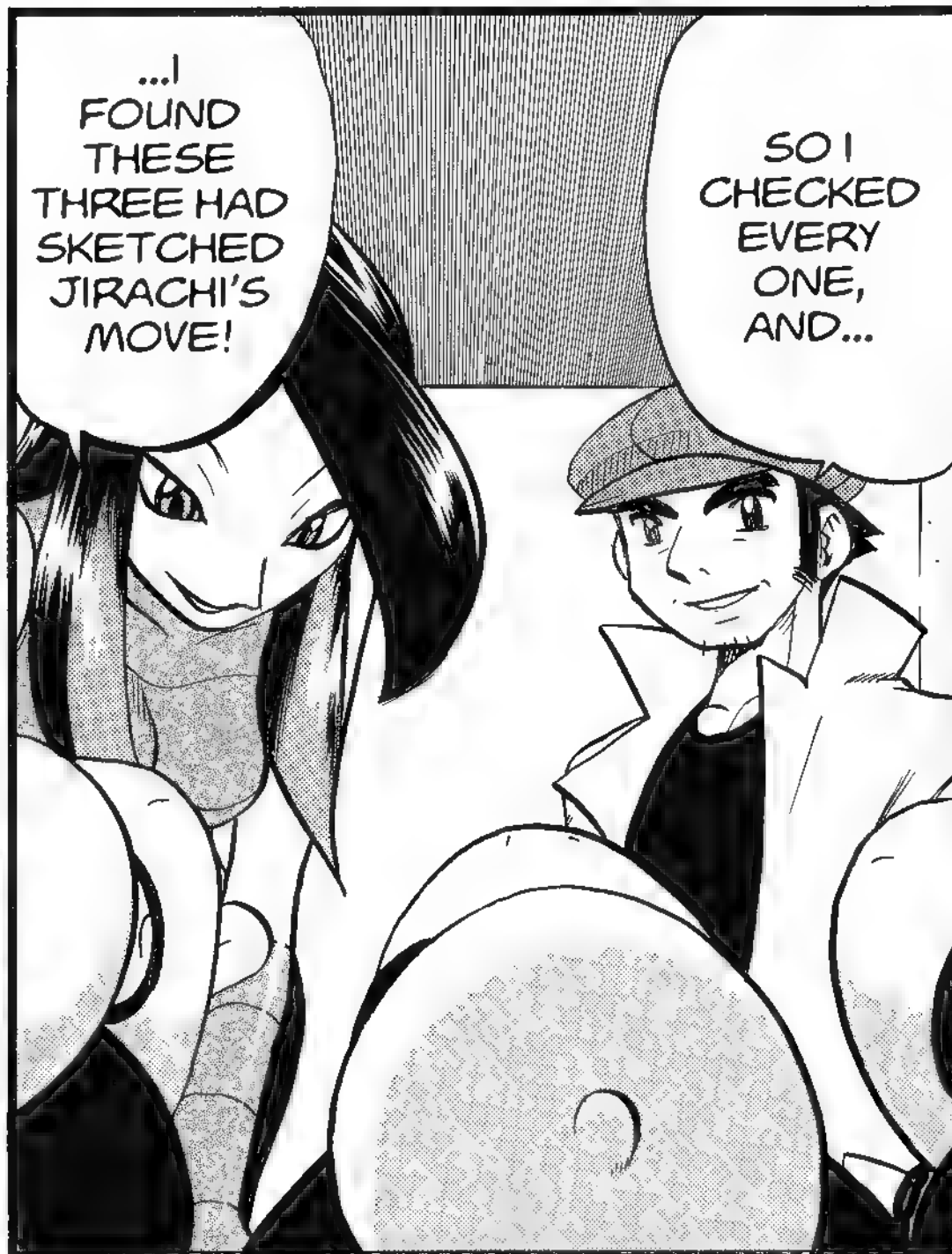
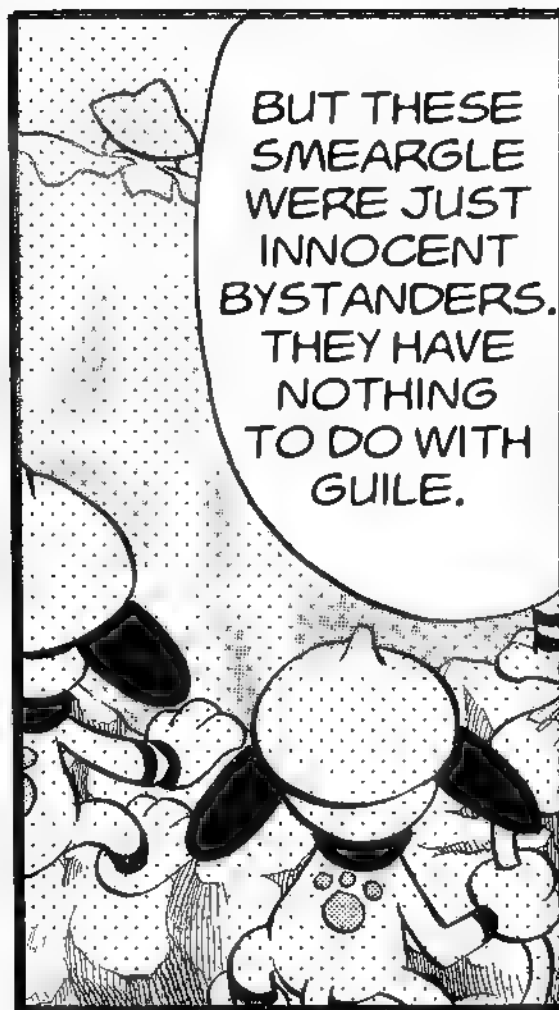
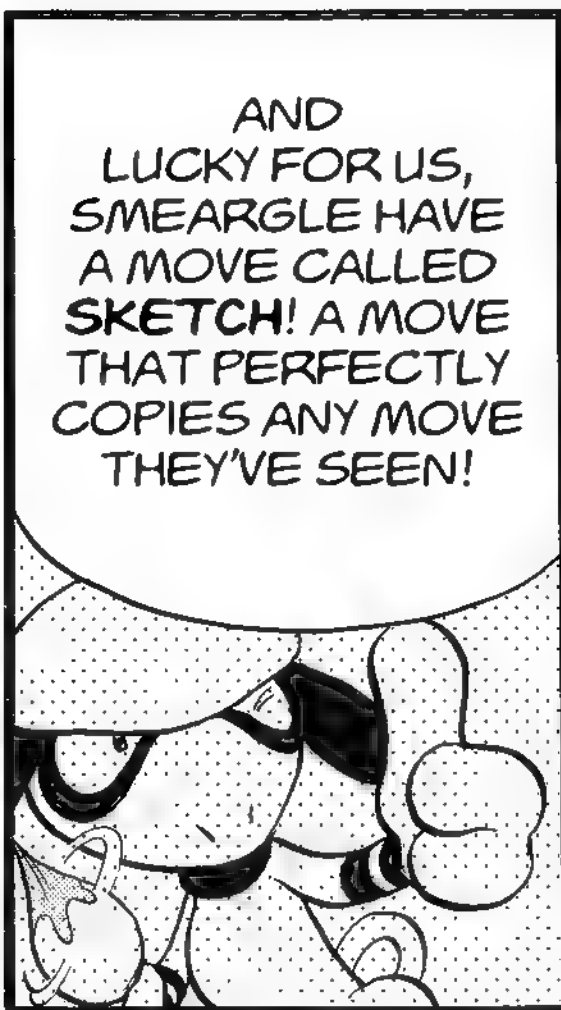
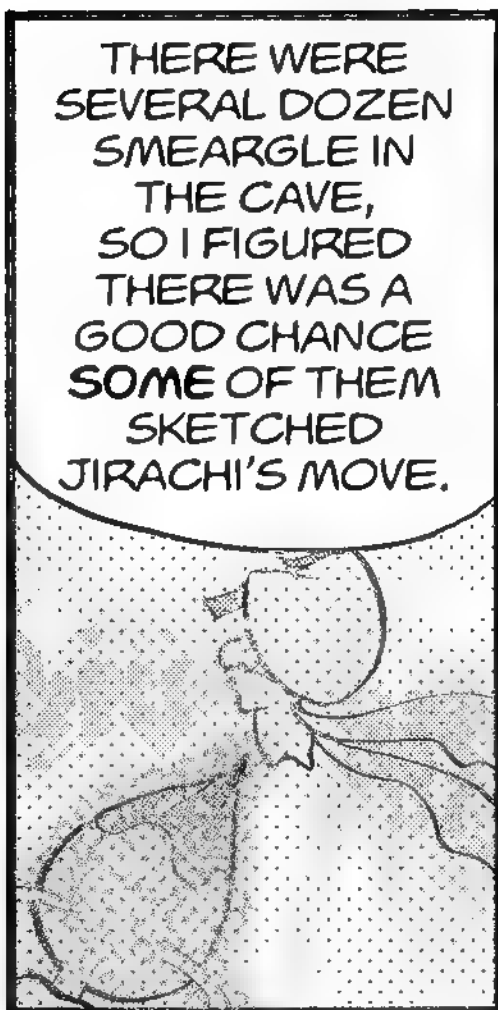


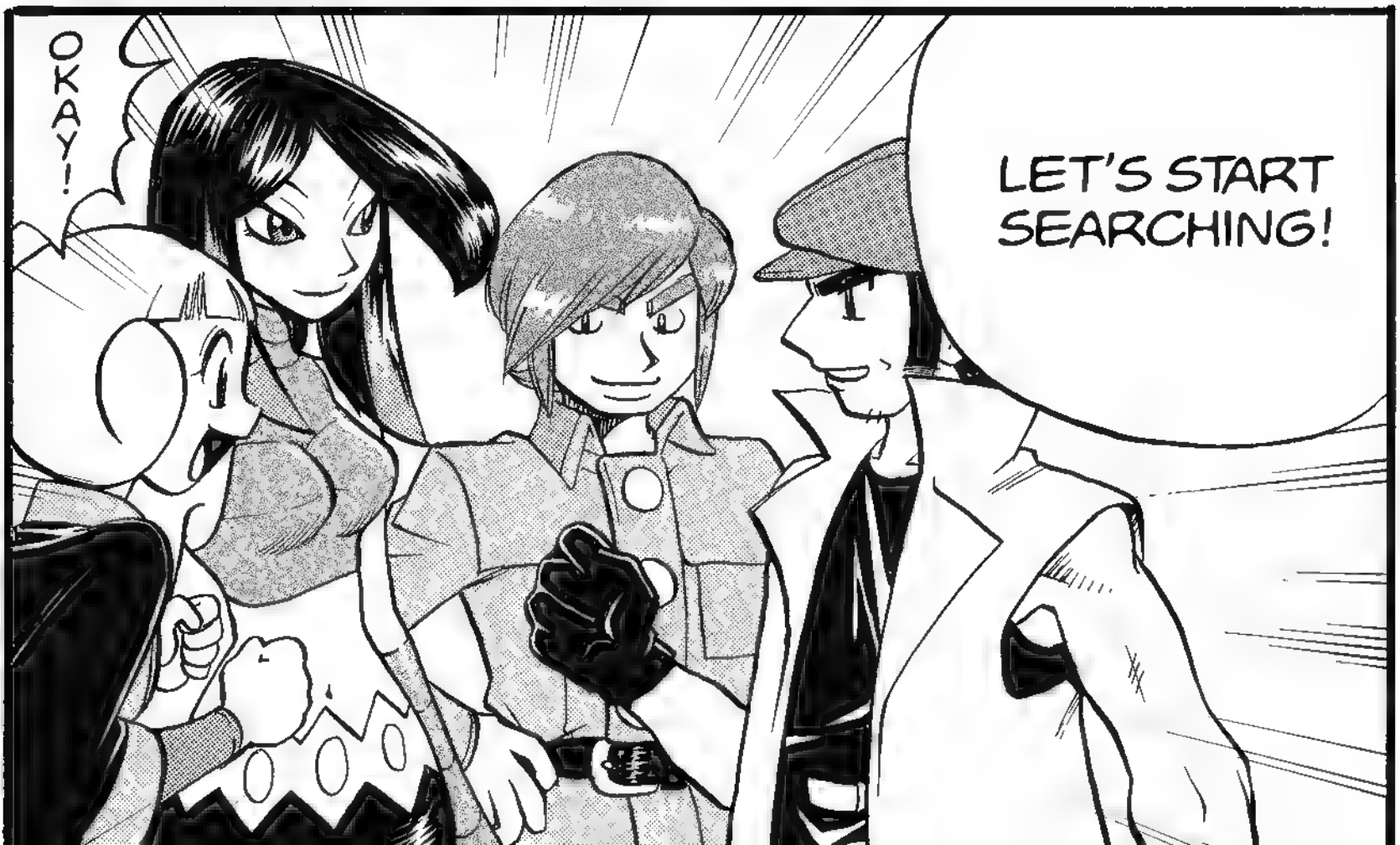
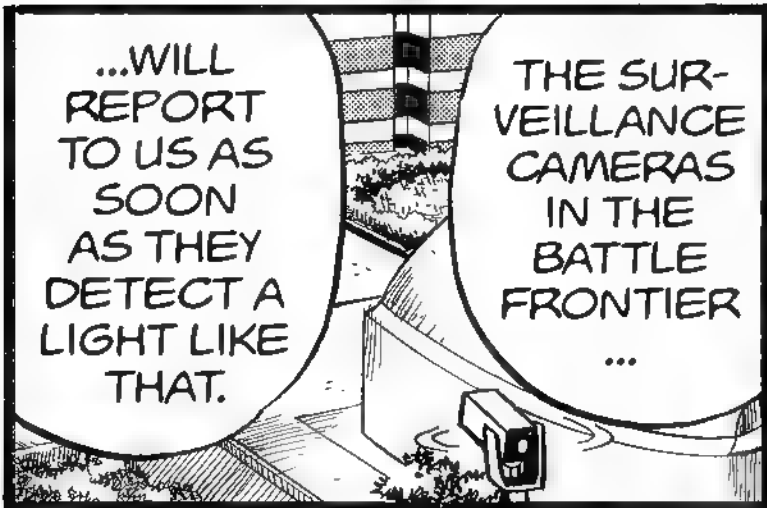






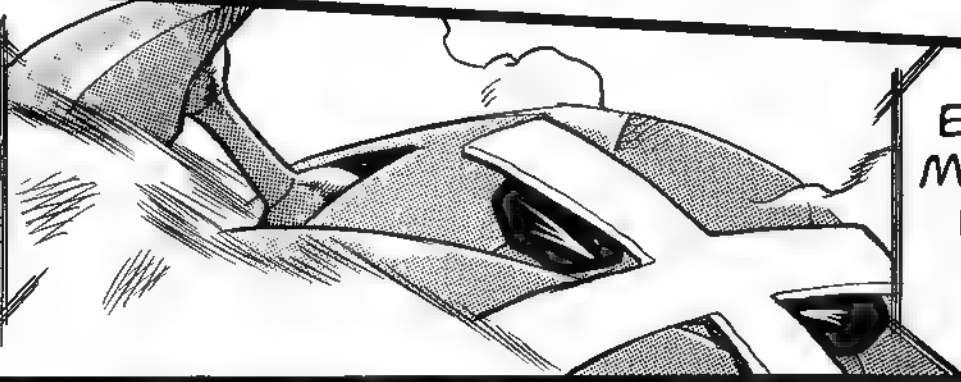








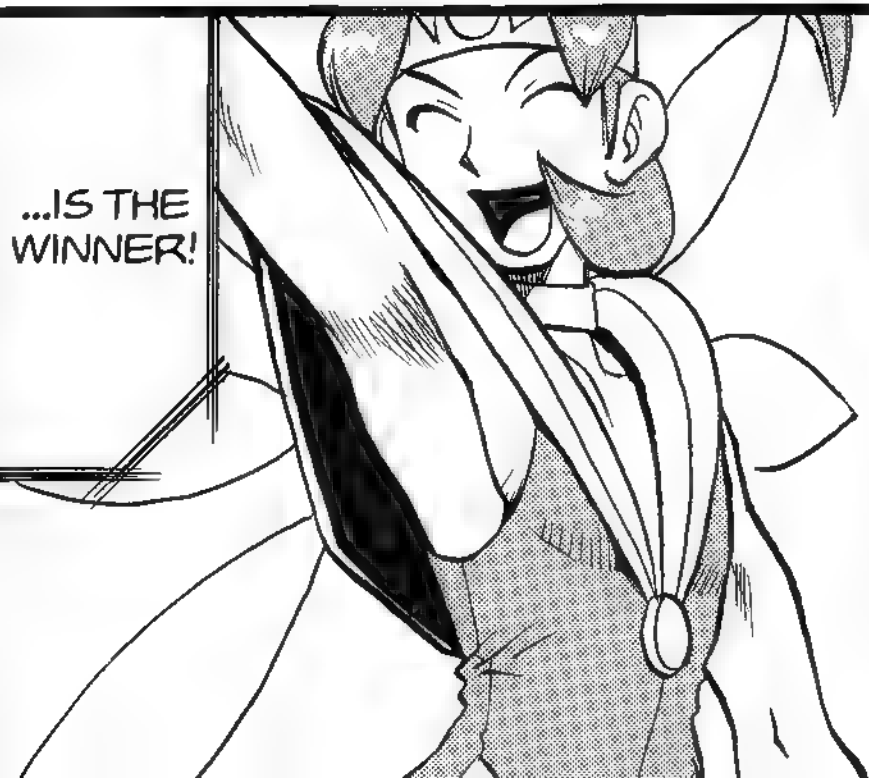
BOTH
OF HIS
POKÉMON
ARE DOWN!
WHICH
MEANS...



EMERALD'S
METAGROSS
HAS BEEN
KNOCKED
OUT!

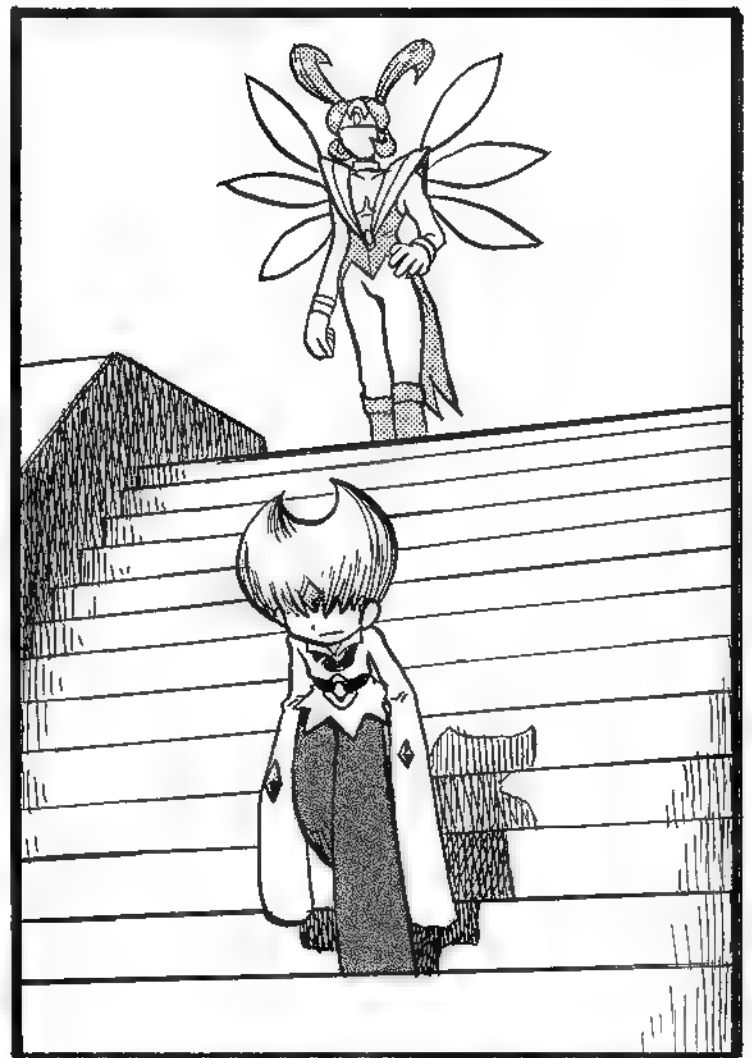
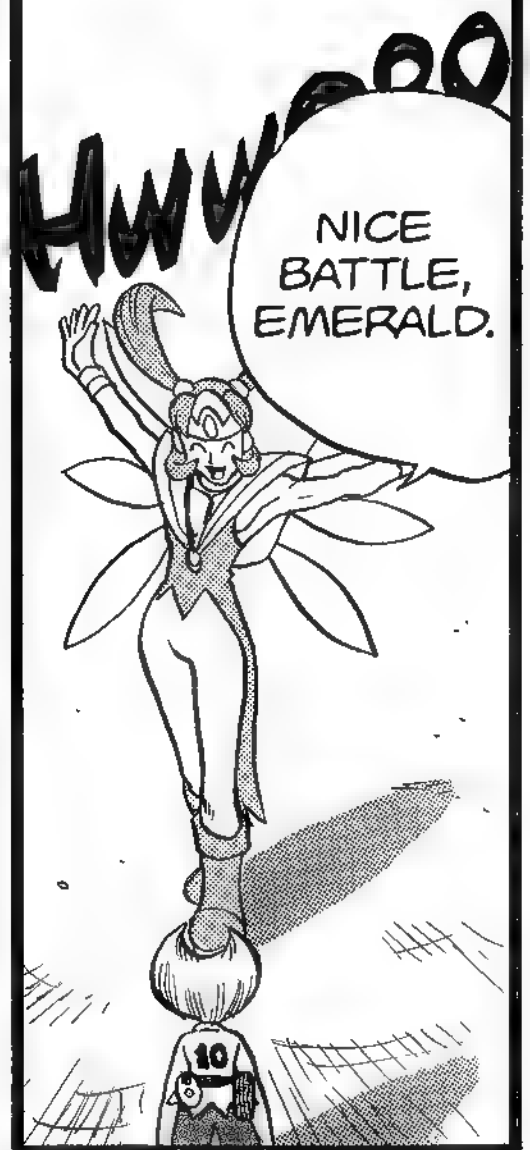


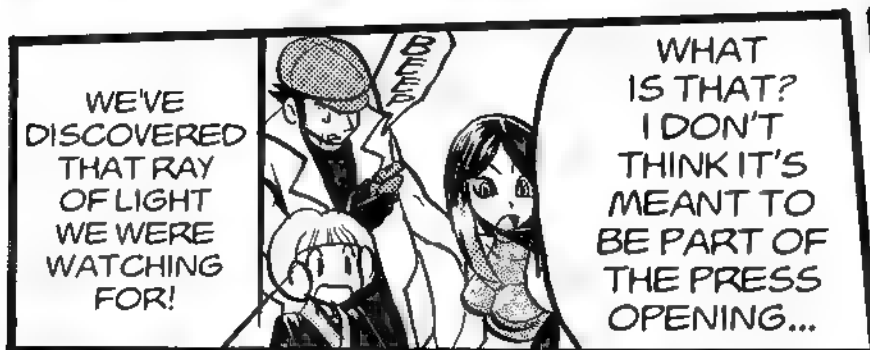
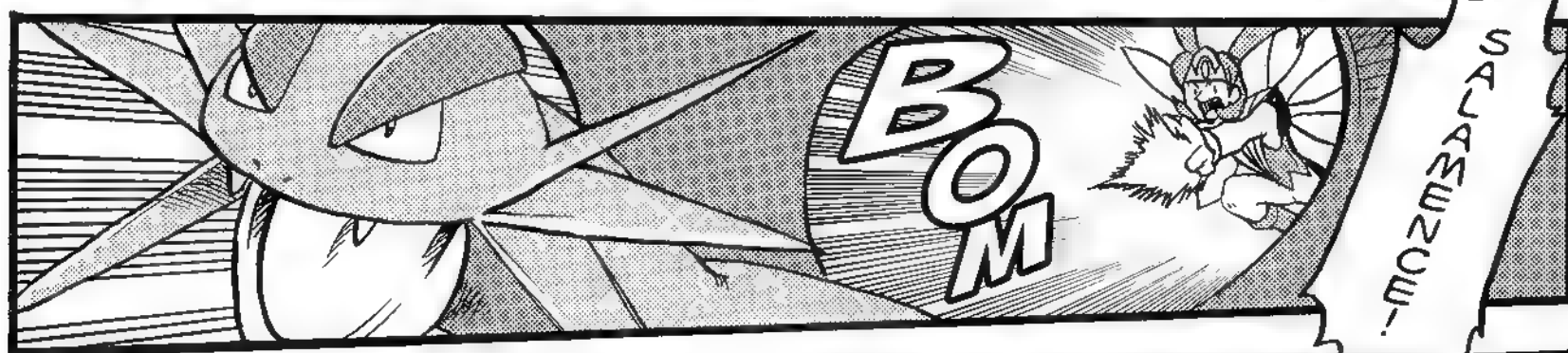
I...
LOST
...



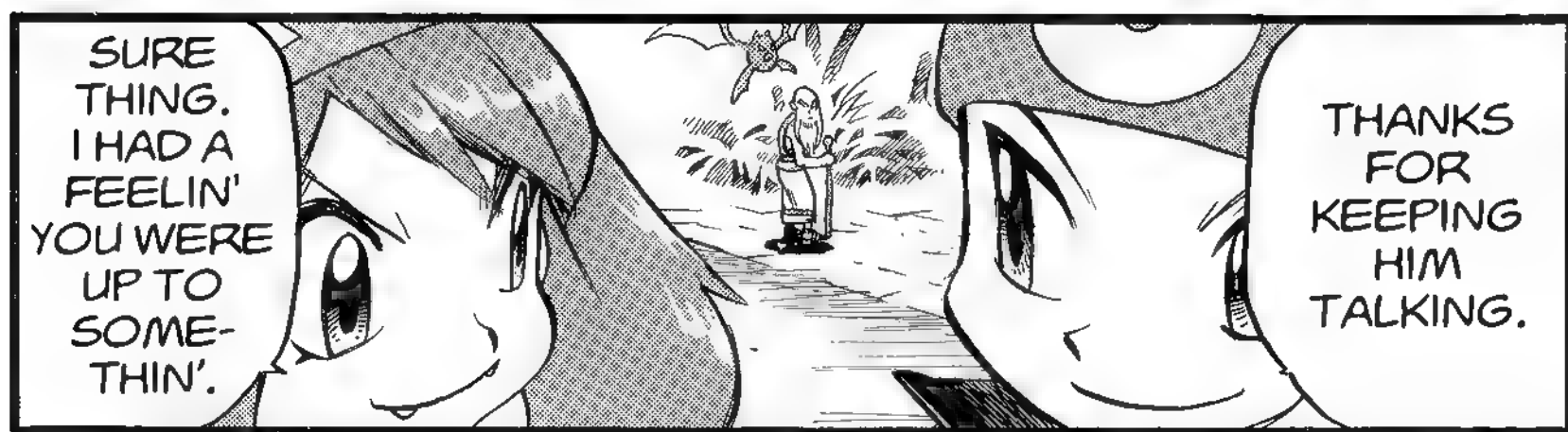
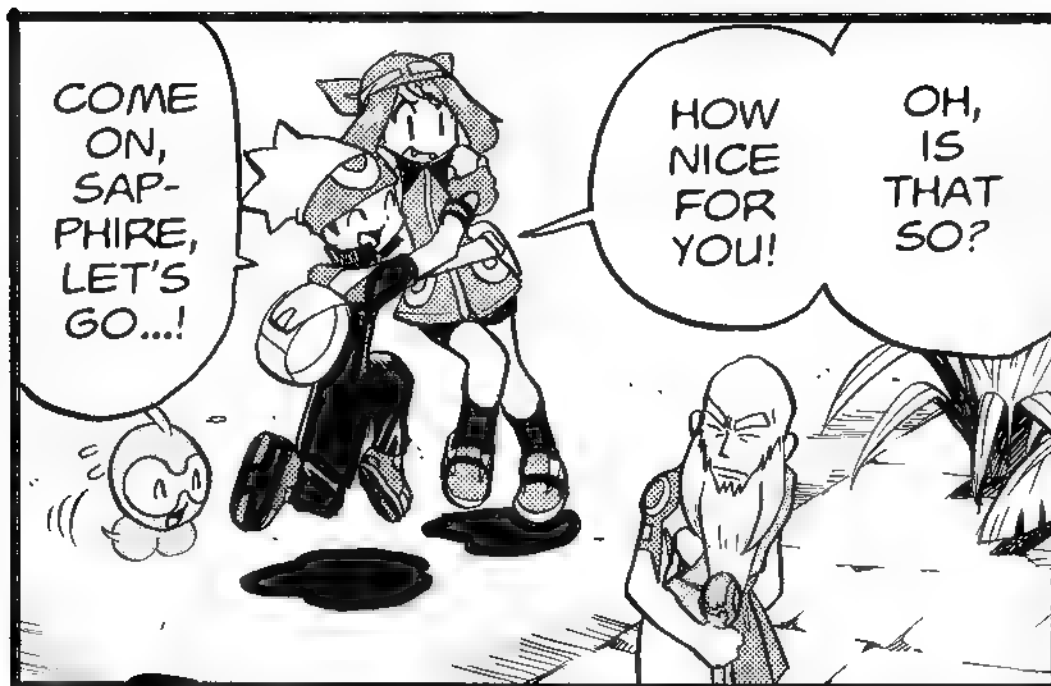
...IS THE
WINNER!

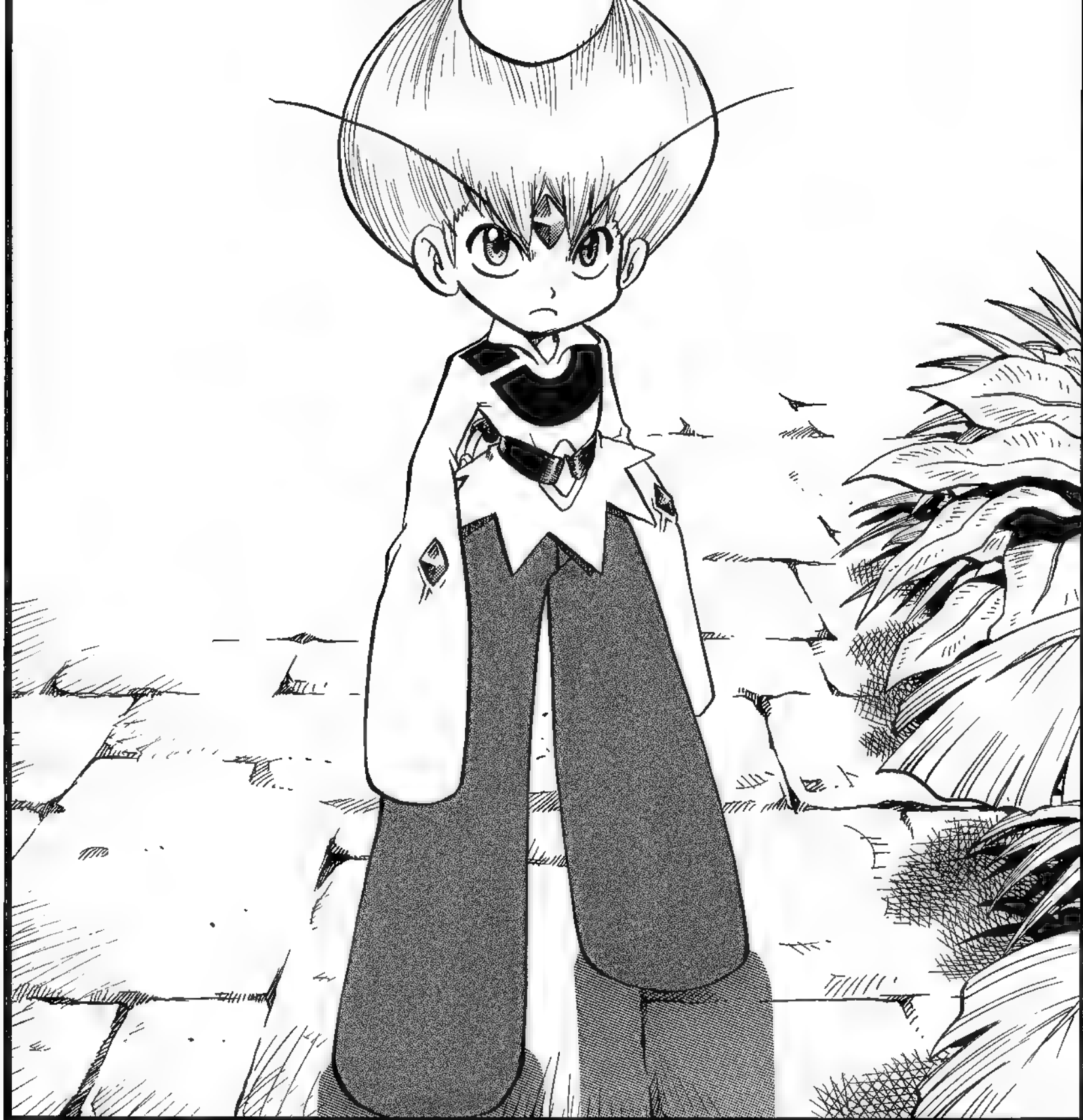
...
FRON-
TIER
BRAIN,
DOME
ACE
TUCKER
...

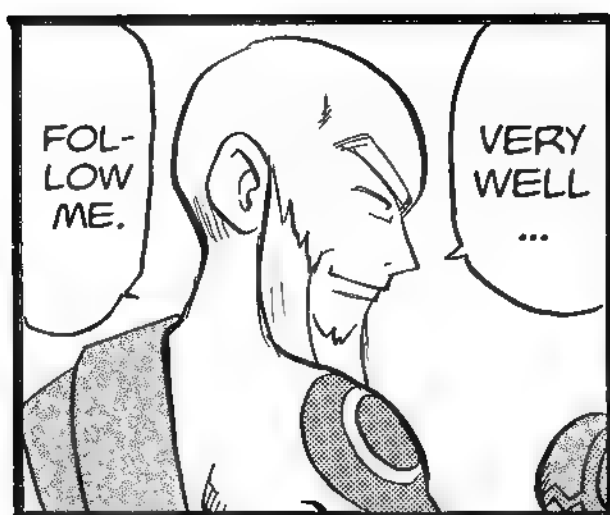












FOL-
LOW
ME.

VERY
WELL
...



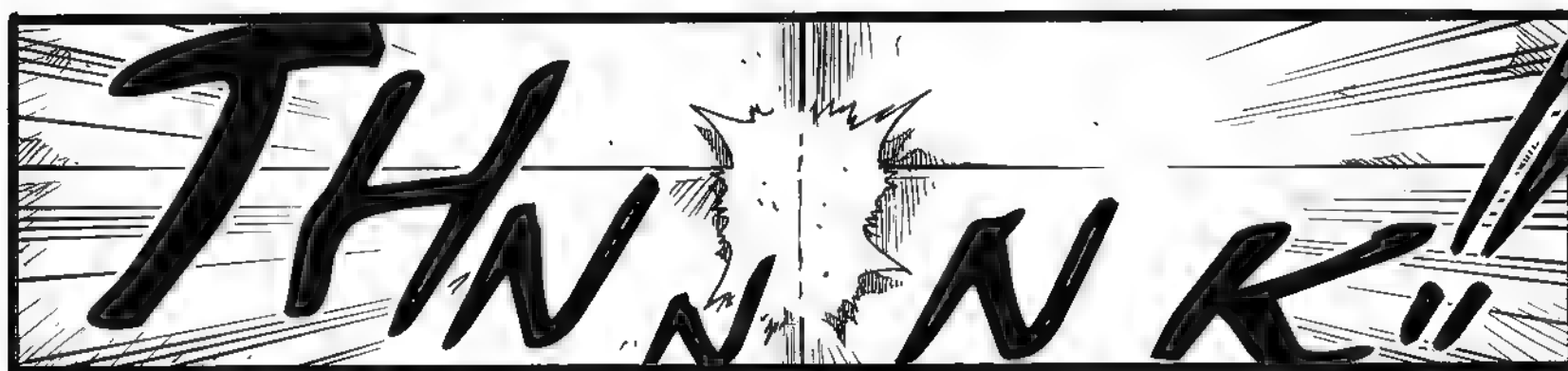
THIS
IS THE
ONLY WAY
I CAN
SQUEEZE
EVERY-
THING
INTO MY
SCHED-
ULE.

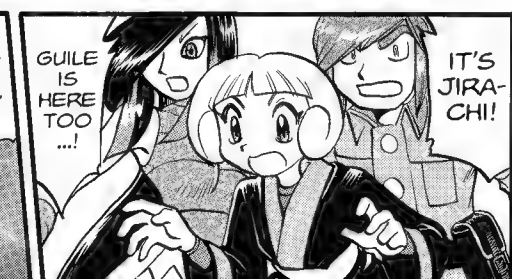
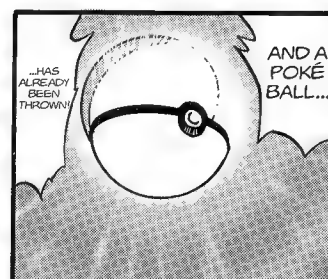
I HAVE TO
FINISH OFF THE
PALACE THIS
AFTERNOON,
THE TOWER
TOMORROW
AND THEN
I'LL TRY THE
BATTLE DOME
AGAIN.



LET'S
BATTLE.

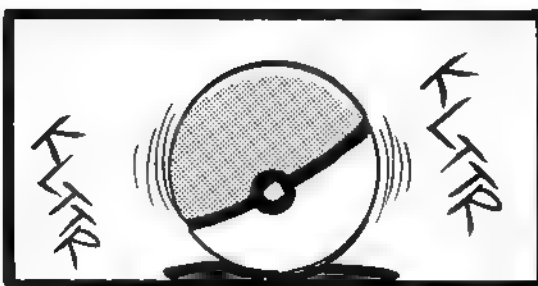
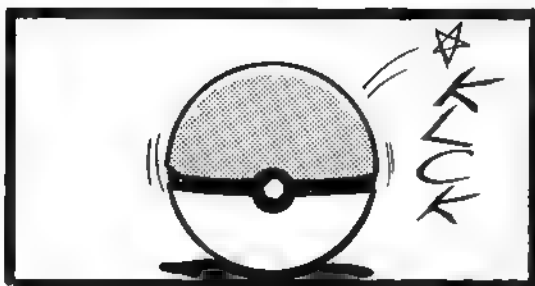
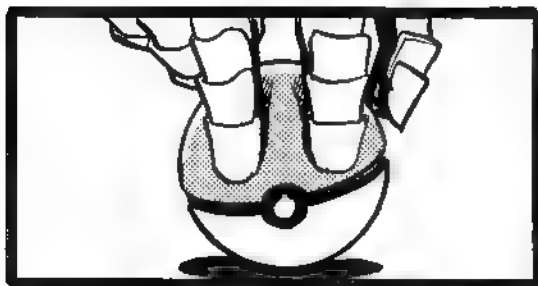
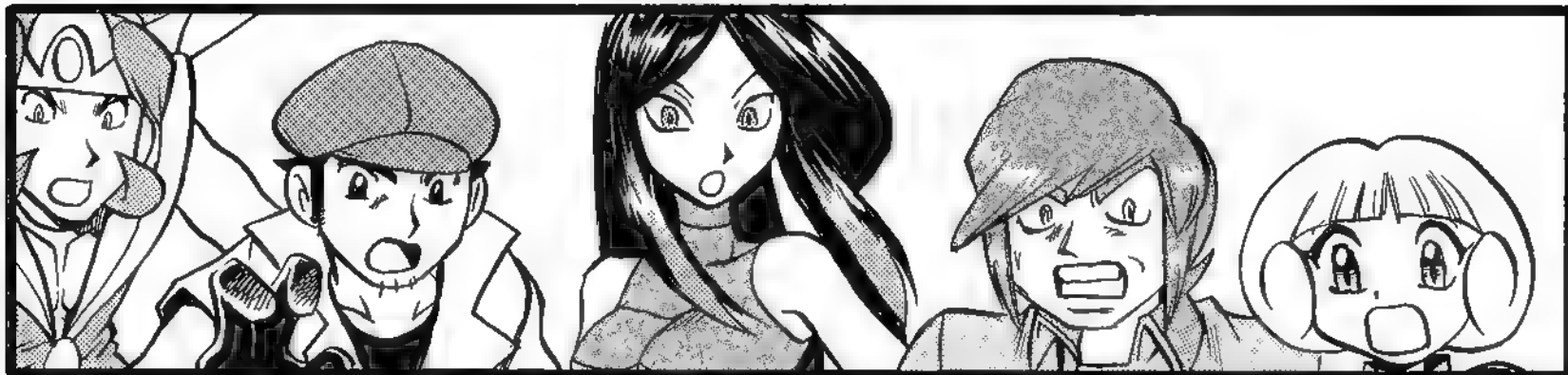
THERE
ARE NO
REPORTERS
OR
SPECTATORS
HERE, BUT
THAT'S A
SUITABLE
ENVIRON-
MENT FOR
ME, PALACE
MAVEN
SPENSER.







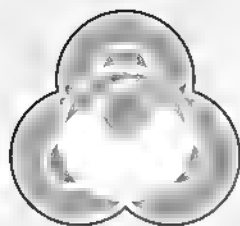
K
L
T
R



...IS
MINE.

JIRACHI

...



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OWNER:
SCOTT

FACILITY RULES

BATTLE TOWER 2

THE TYPES OF BATTLE AT THE BATTLE TOWER

Apart from the three battle styles above, multiplayer battles will also be available after the official opening of the Battle Frontier. These will be Double Battles fought between Battle Towers from other regions.

① Single Battle

A one-on-one battle using three Pokémon. This is the only battle style Frontier Brain Anabel will take part in.

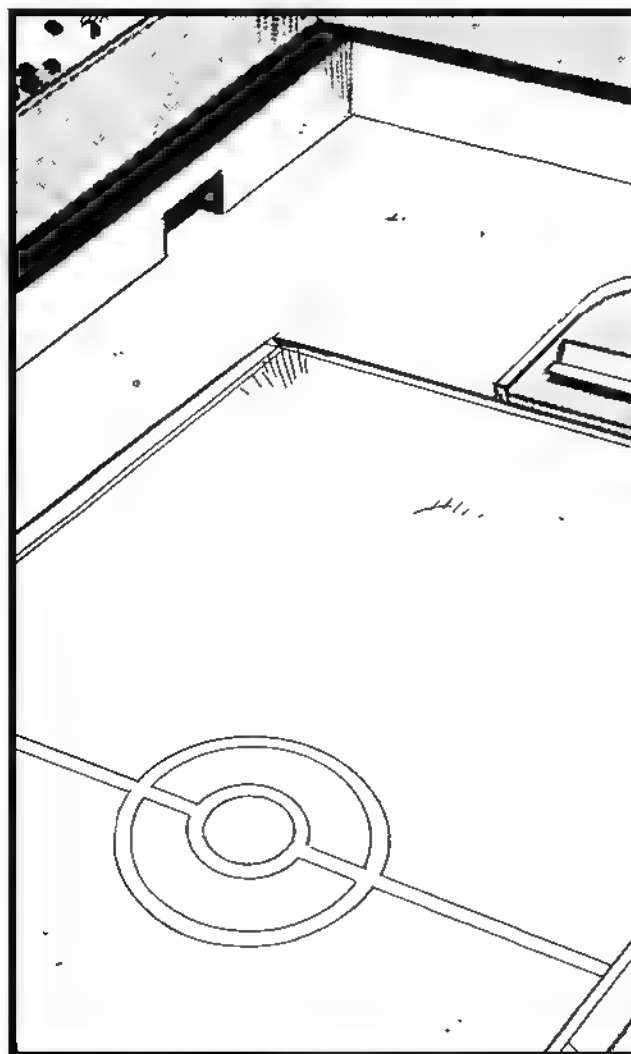
② Double Battle

A two-on-two battle using four Pokémon.

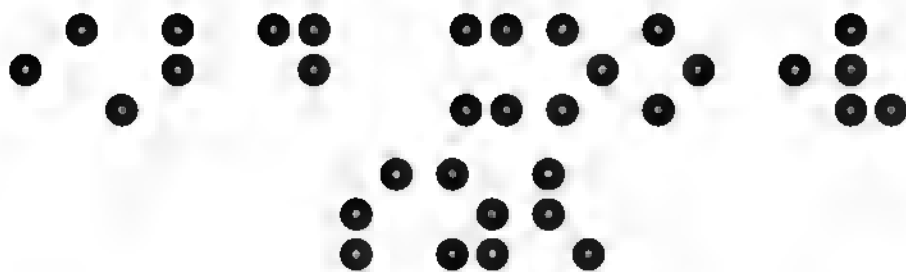
③ Multi Battle

A two-on-two battle using four Pokémon.

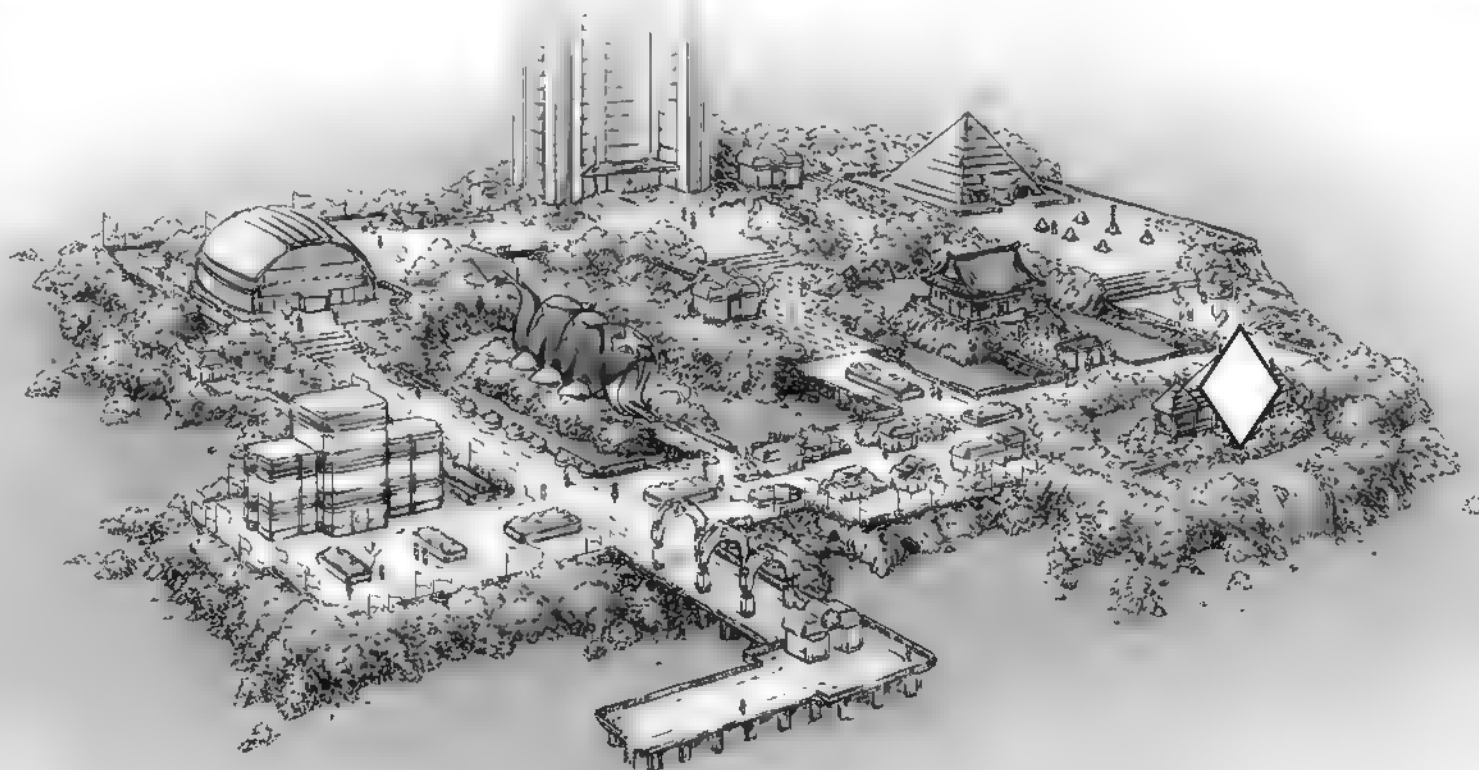
A two-on-two tag battle fought by teaming up with another contestant, such as a Pokémon Breeder, Kindler, Lass and others. The battle is fought by four Pokémon, two from the challenger and two from the tag partner.



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Standing in the Way with Starmie





HOW
DARE YOU
INSULT
MY
FRIEND!

THOSE
RENTAL
POKE-
MON
MADE
EVERY-
THING
SO MUCH
EASIER.

BUT I AM
GRATEFUL
TO YOU...

KHACK



NOW
I SEE
HOW YOU
MANAGED
TO FIND
ME SO
FAST.

THEY'RE
THE
ONES
WHO
LIVE
IN THE
ARTISAN
CAVE!



HMM...
THOSE
SMEAR-
GLE...

AND YOU
USED THE
RAY OF
LIGHT THAT
SHINES
WHEN THE
MOVE IS
USED TO
FIND US!

THOSE
SMEARGL
MUST HAVE
SKETCHED
WISH FROM
JIRACHI!



BRACK202--

NO
MATTER
WHAT
YOU DO
NOW...

FFB

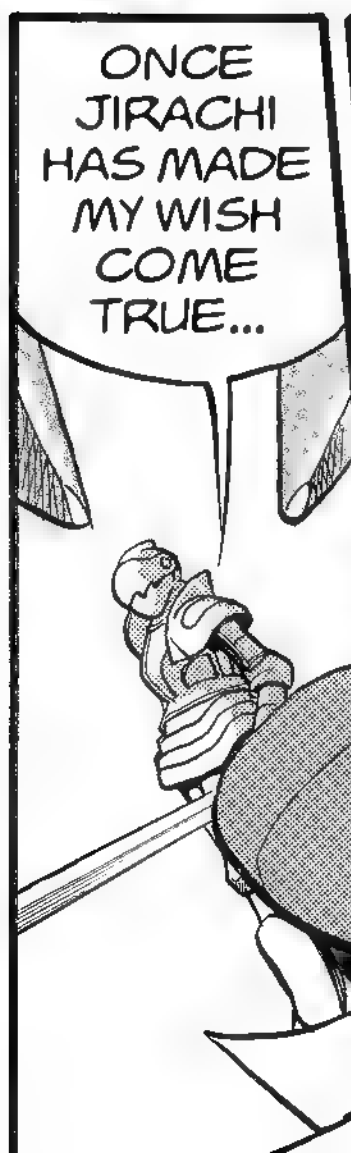
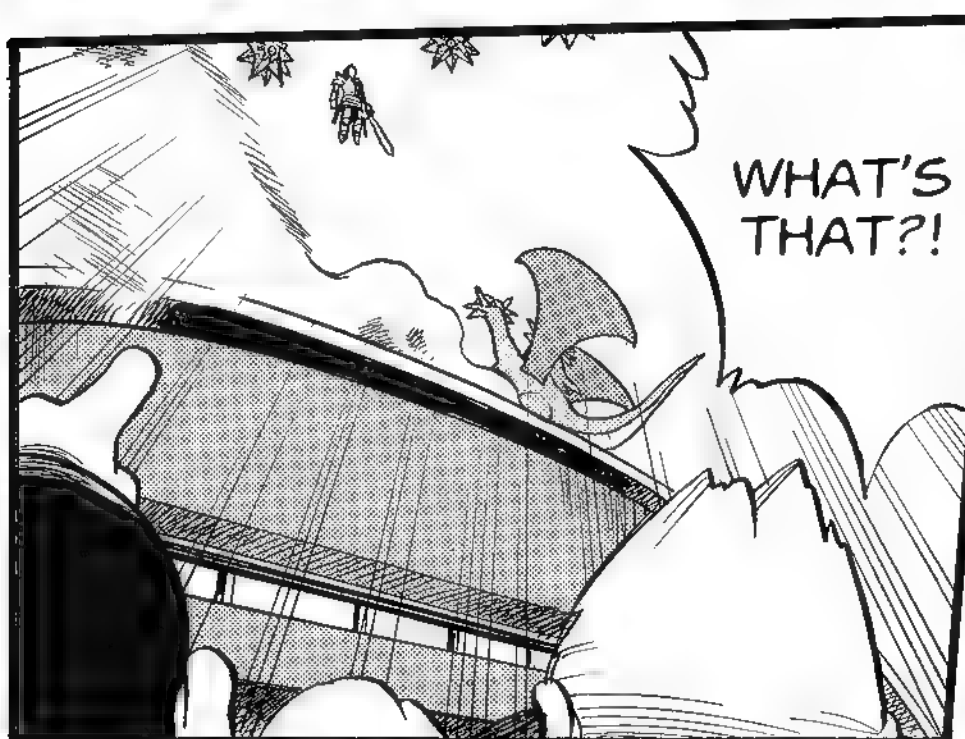
I HAVE
ALREADY
CAPTURED
JIRACHI.

BUT
...

VERY
CLEVER.

...YOU'RE
TOO
LATE.

CRASH





...THE
BATTLE
FRONTIER
SHALL
SINK...

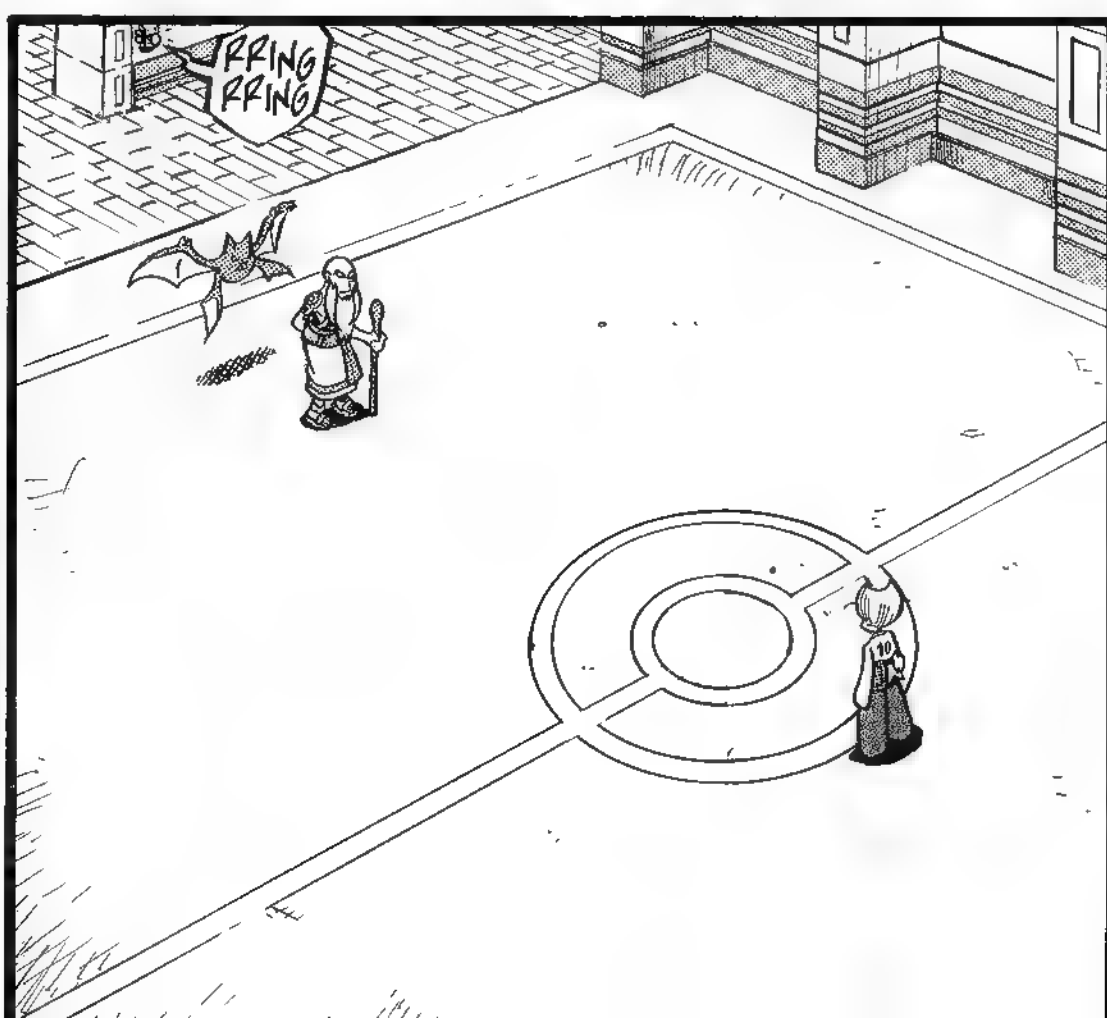
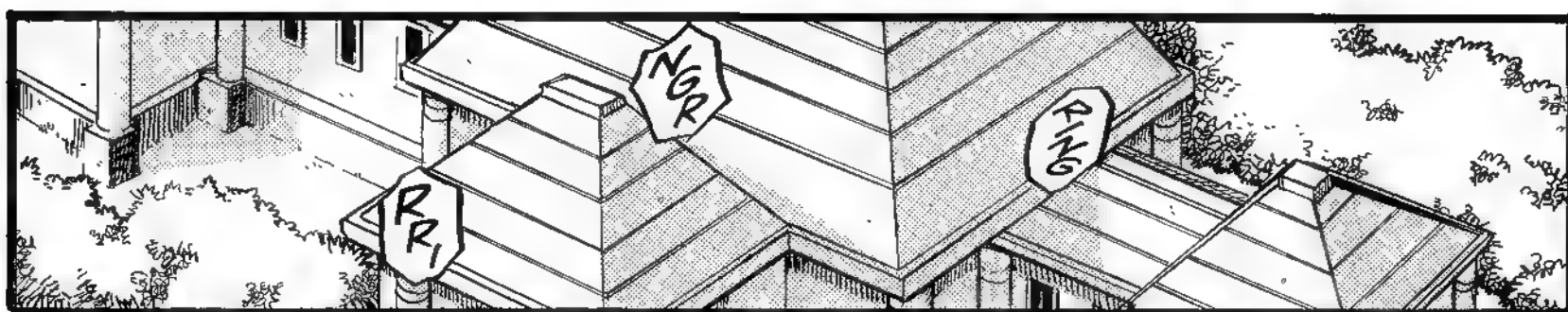
...TO THE
BOTTOM
OF THIS
MAGNIFI-
CENT
SEA!



HERE,
I'LL
HAPPILY
RETURN
THEM TO
YOU.

I DON'T
NEED THE
RENTAL
POKÉMON
ANYMORE
EITHER.

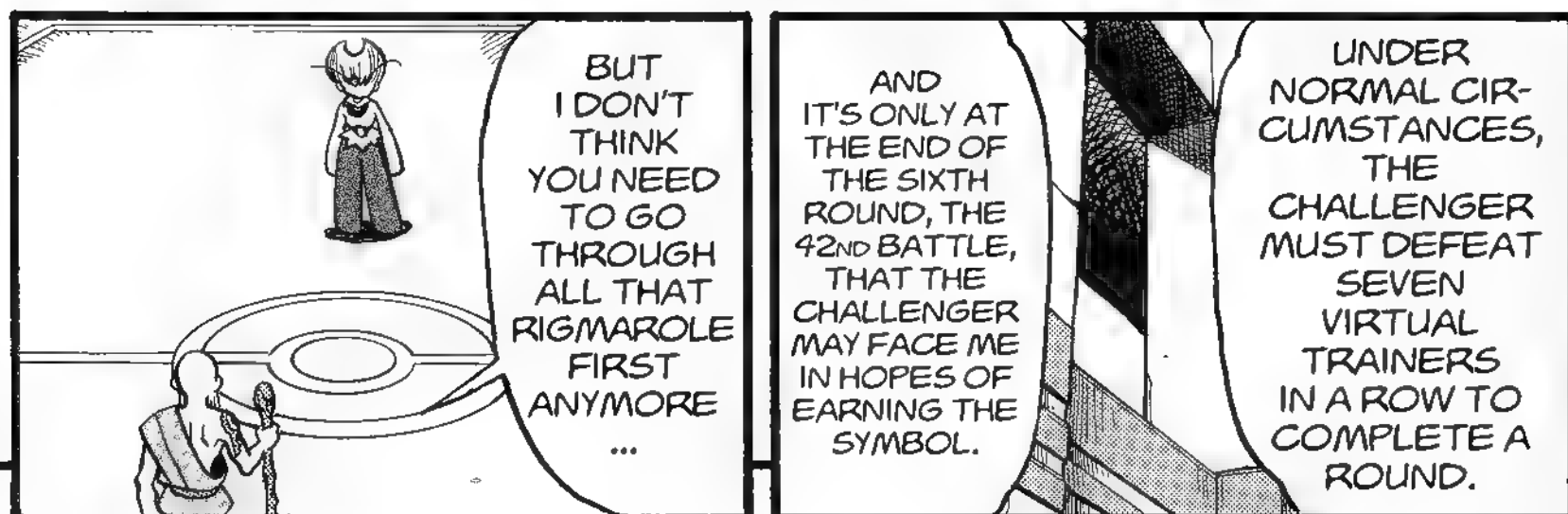






NO ONE MAY
INTERFERE WITH
OUR BATTLE
ONCE THE
DOORS OF THE
PALACE HAVE
CLOSED.

NO.



BUT
I DON'T
THINK
YOU NEED
TO GO
THROUGH
ALL THAT
RIGMAROLE
FIRST
ANYMORE
...

AND
IT'S ONLY AT
THE END OF
THE SIXTH
ROUND, THE
42ND BATTLE,
THAT THE
CHALLENGER
MAY FACE ME
IN HOPES OF
EARNING THE
SYMBOL.

UNDER
NORMAL CIR-
CUMSTANCES,
THE
CHALLENGER
MUST DEFEAT
SEVEN
VIRTUAL
TRAINERS
IN A ROW TO
COMPLETE A
ROUND.



HERE, THE
CHALLENGERS
MUST USE...

THE
BATTLE
PALACE
TESTS A
TRAINER'S
SPIRIT.

...THE THREE
POKÉMON
THEY TRUST
THE MOST.

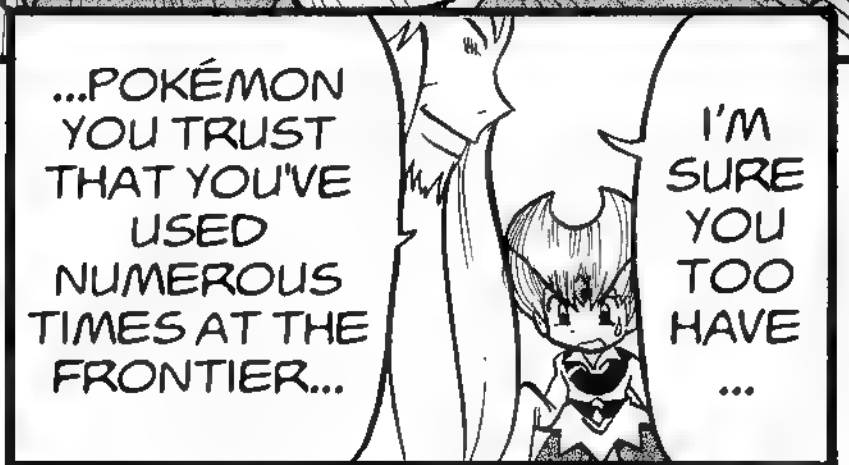
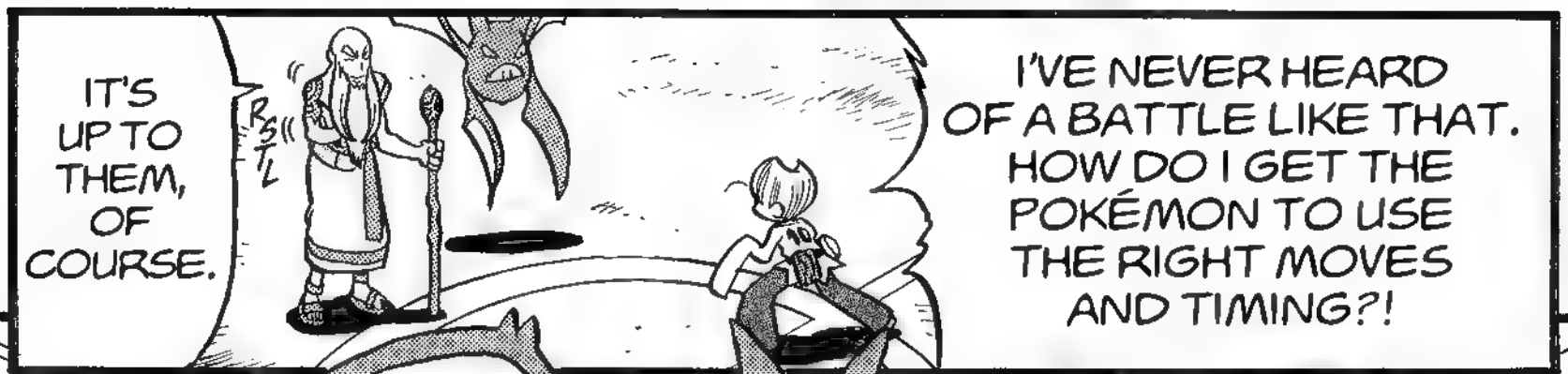
I'LL ASK
CRYSTAL
TO SEND
ME THE
POKÉMON
I NEED
DEPENDING
ON THE
RULES, SO
HURRY UP
AND TELL
ME.

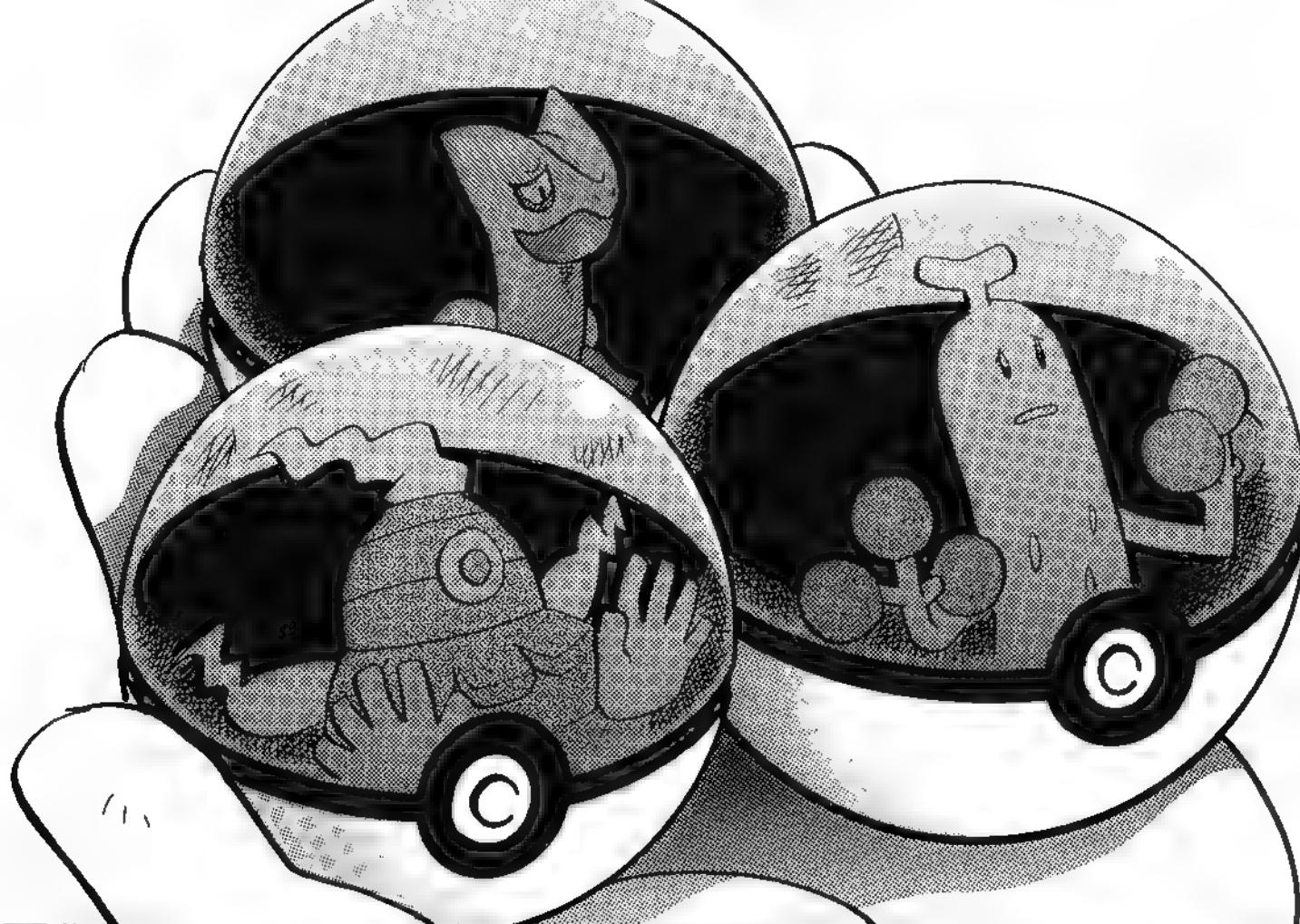
COOL!
WHAT
ARE
YOUR
RULES?



HOW
SO?

YOU
CHOOSE
YOUR
POKÉMON
ACCORDING
TO THE
RULES OF
BATTLE?
THAT'S
ODD.





YOU DON'T
HAVE ANY
FAITH IN
THESE THREE
POKÉMON,
DO YOU?

I CAN'T
TAKE ON A
CHALLENGE
WITH A
TEAM THAT
DOESN'T
HAVE A
CHANCE OF
WINNING

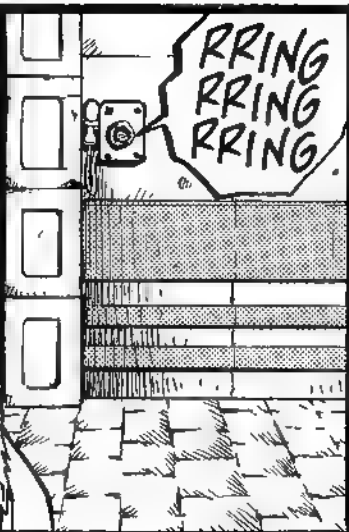


I WATCHED
THE BATTLE
AT THE
DOME
ON THE
SCREEN.

HMM...
BUT I'M
NOT SURE
ABOUT
THOSE
THREE...



UNBELIEVABLE!
HOW AM I
SUPPOSED TO
HAVE A BATTLE
WITH ALL
THESE DIS-
TRACTIONS?

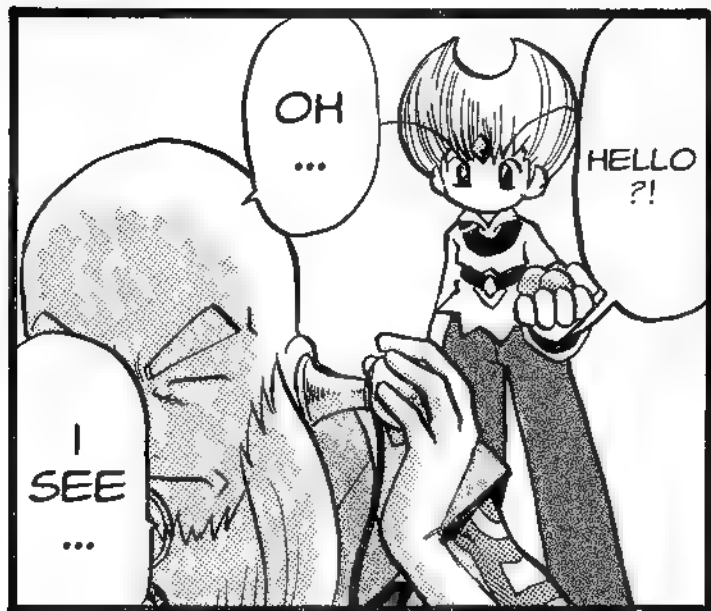


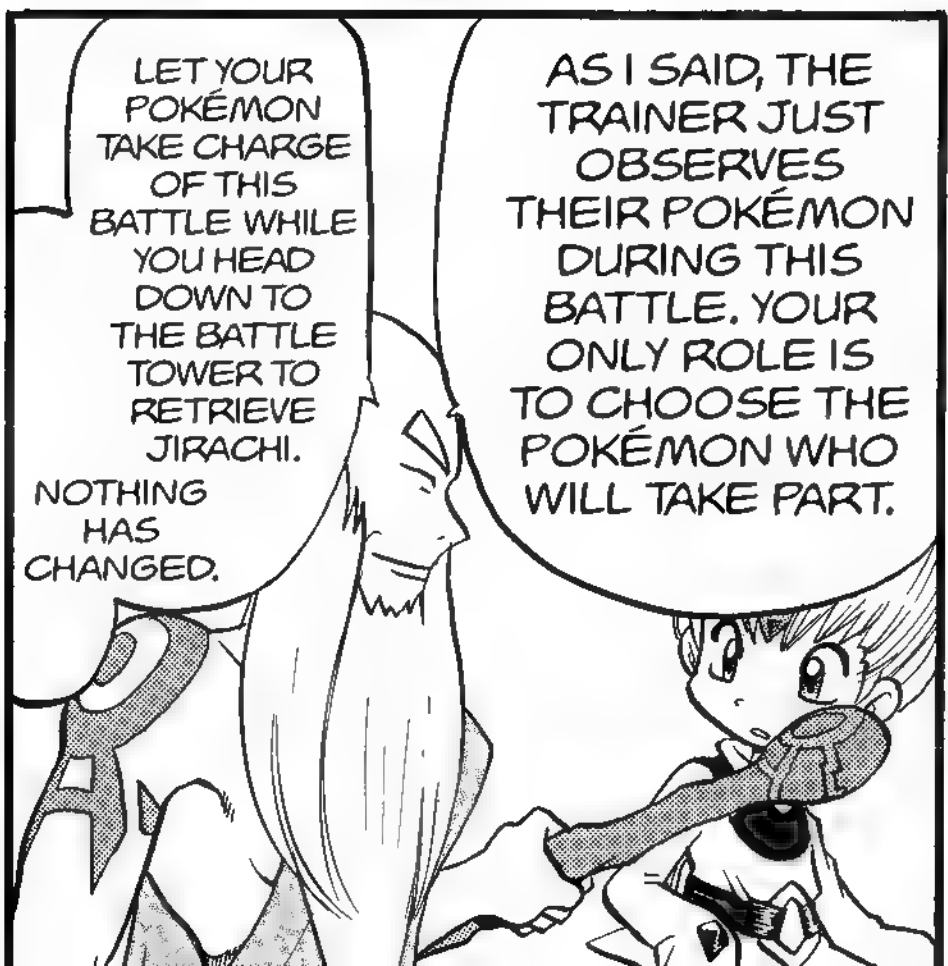
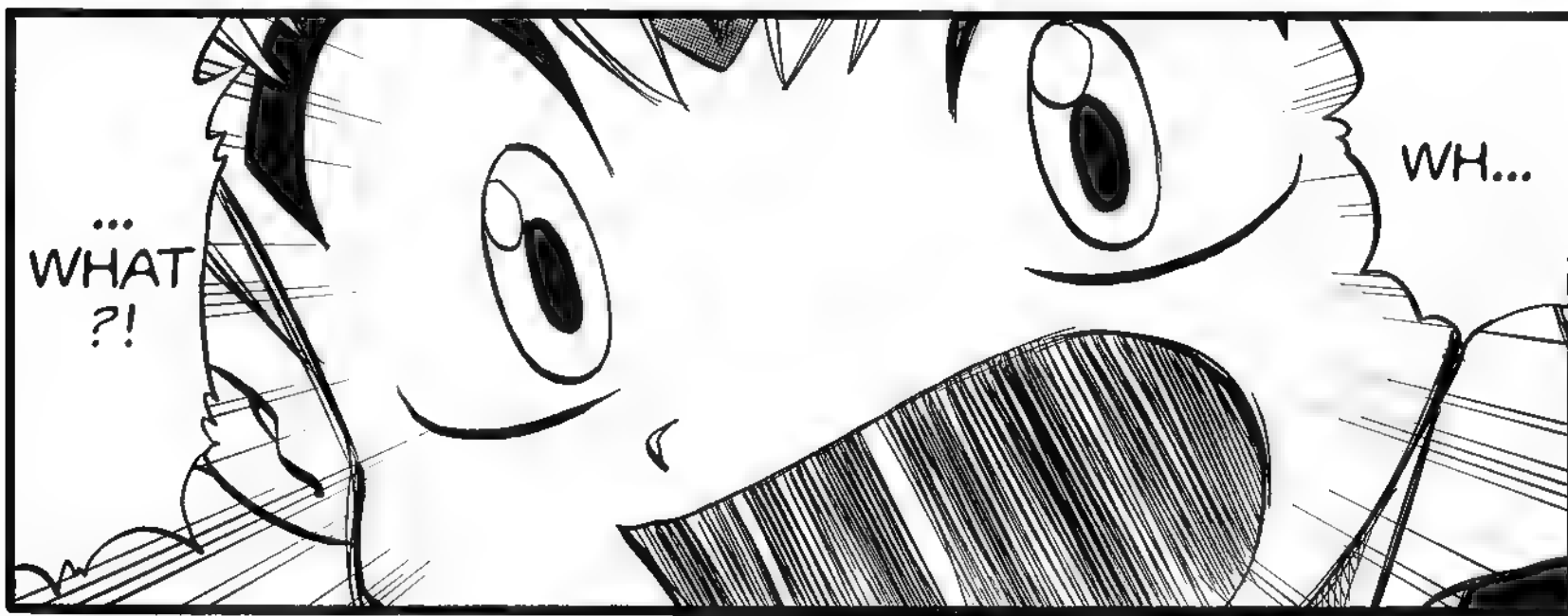
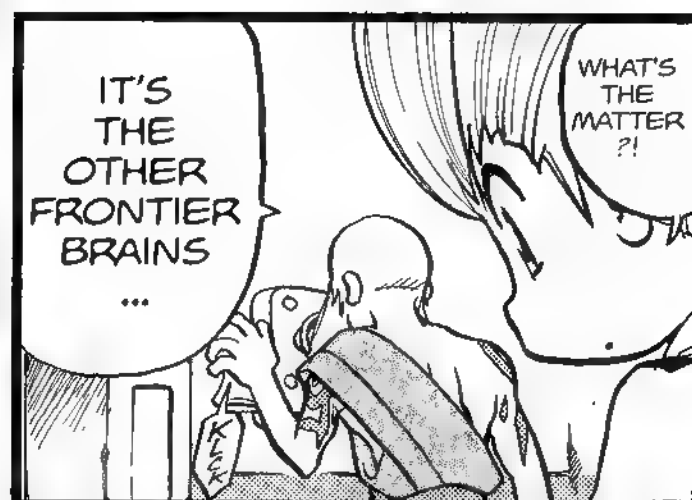
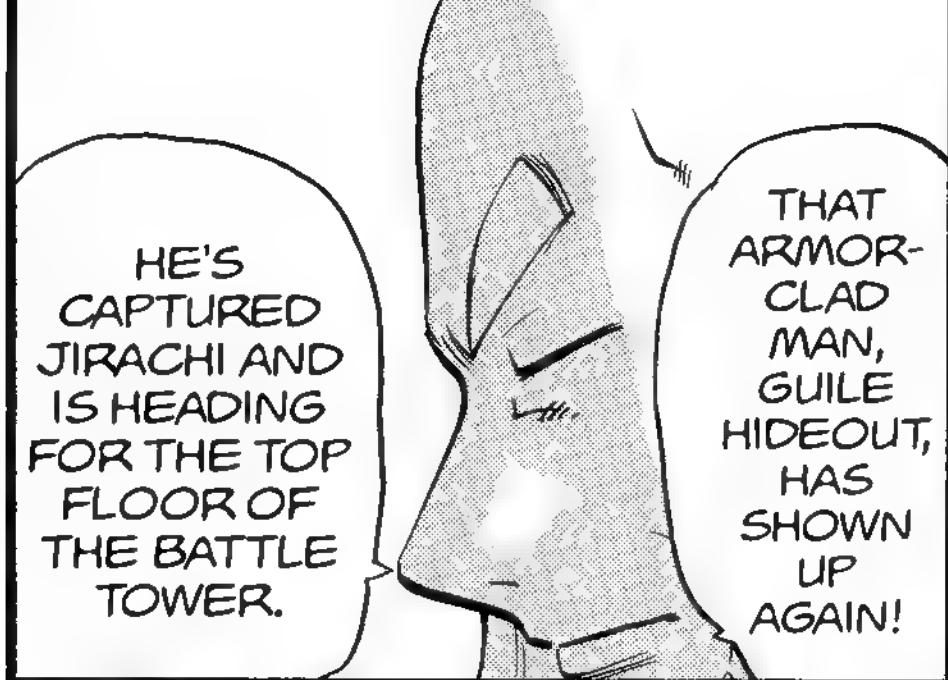
THAT'S
WHY YOU
DECIDED TO USE
THREE OTHER
POKÉMON...AND
GOT DEFEATED
BY TUCKER.

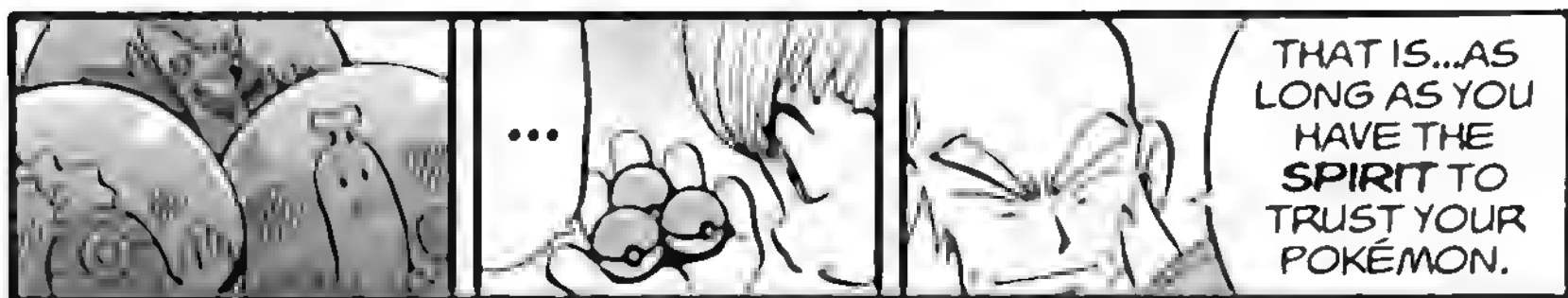
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...

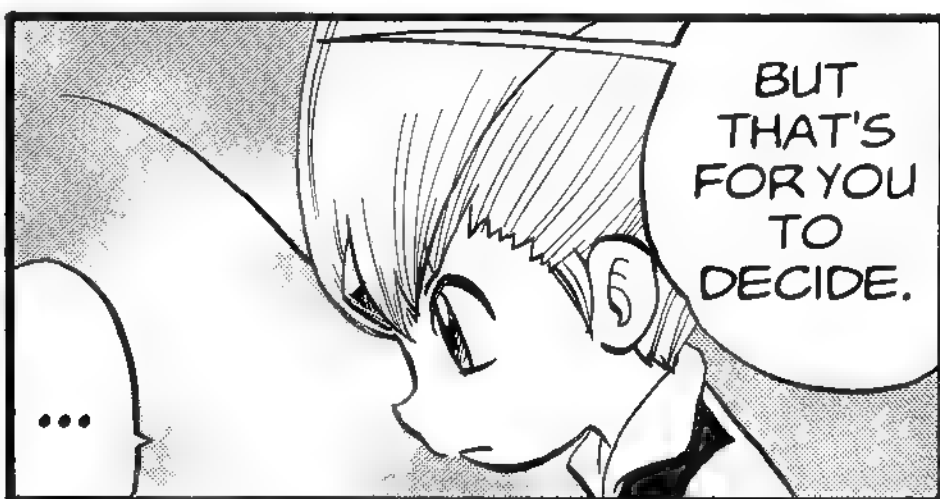
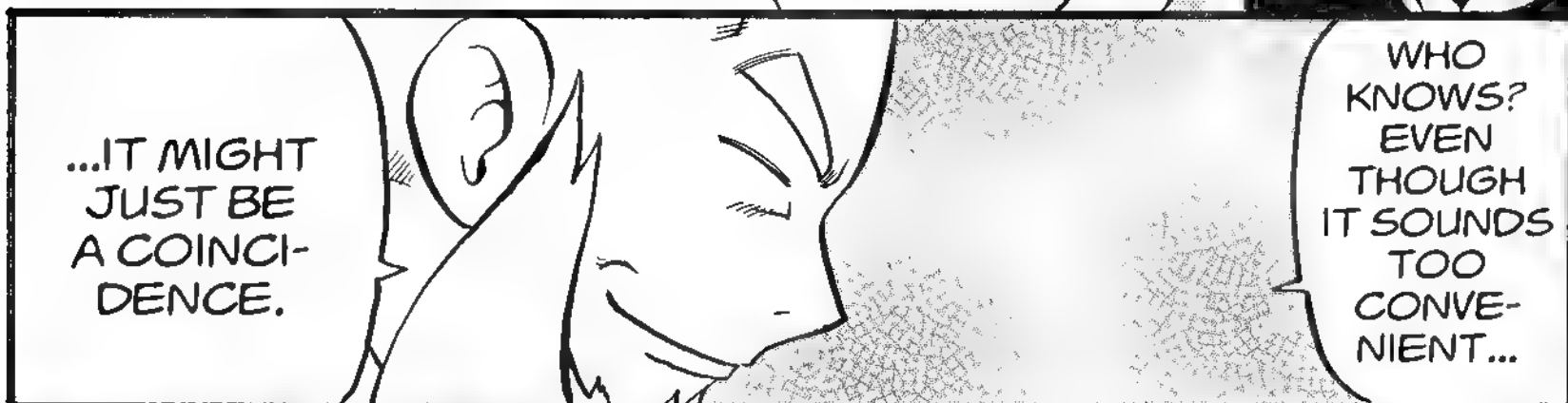
HELLO
?!

I
SEE
...











DUS-
CLOPS!



SUDO-
WOODO!



SCEP-
TILE!



CATCH UP
WITH ME
AFTER
YOU'VE
WON THE
BATTLE
AND THE
SPIRITS
SYMBOL!

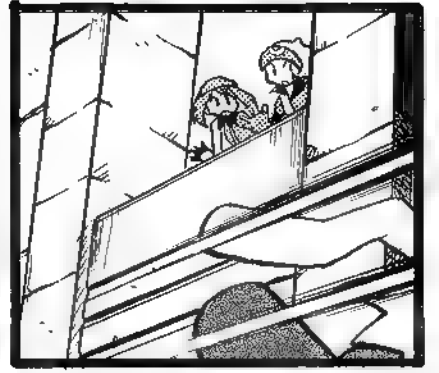
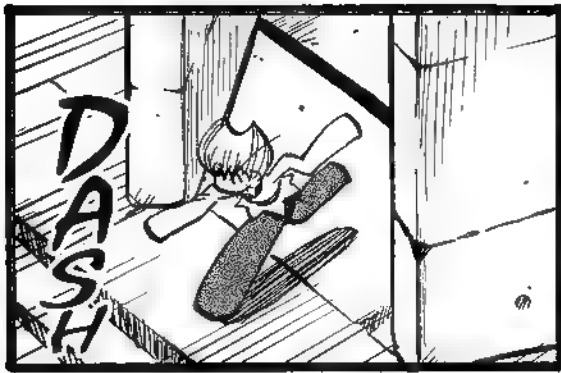
WHILE I
RESCUE
JIRACHI
FROM GUILF
AT THE
BATTLE
TOWER.

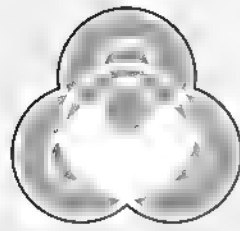
YOU
HANDLE
THE BATTLE
HERE AT THE
BATTLE
PALACE.



...I
BELIEVE
IN YOU!

AND,
HEY...





DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

Thank you for visiting the Battle Frontier today. Permit me to continue explaining the rules of this facility...

OWNER:
SCOTT

FACILITY RULES

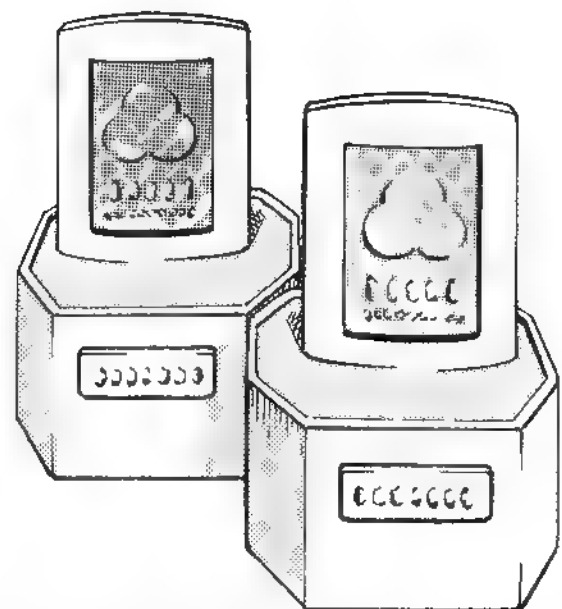
BATTLE TOWER 3

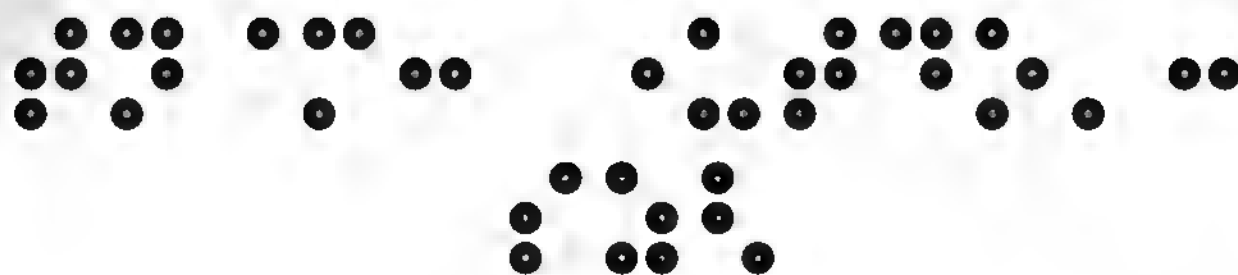
■ THE BATTLE SALON ■

The Battle Salon is provided for Trainers who want to team up with a tag partner for Multi battles. You can find a compatible partner here to fight on your side.

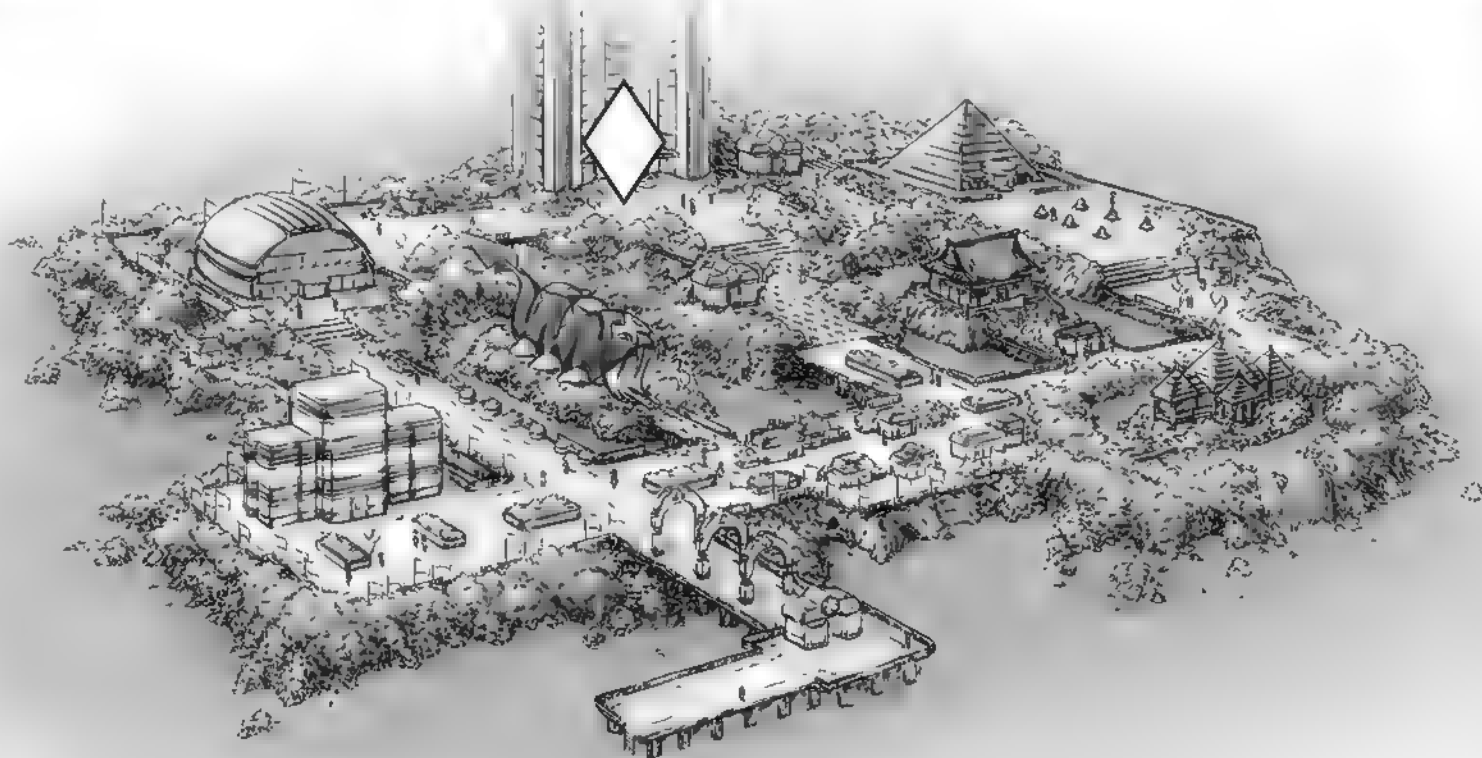
■ WINNING THE SHIELDS ■

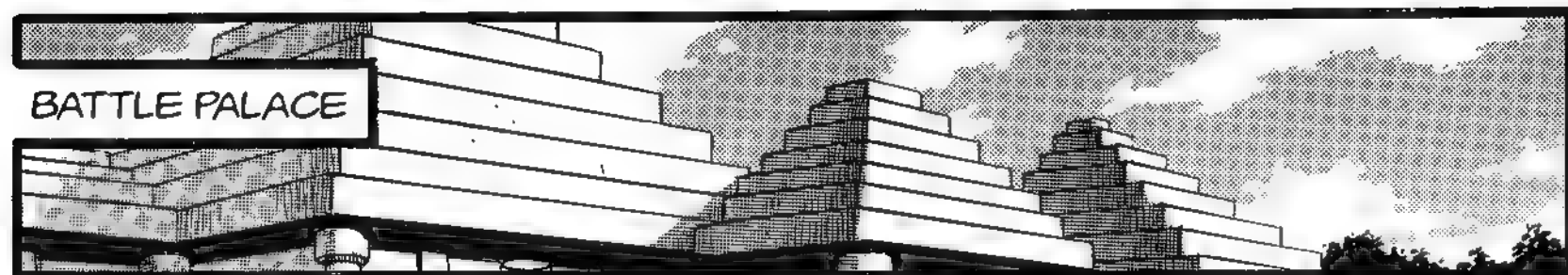
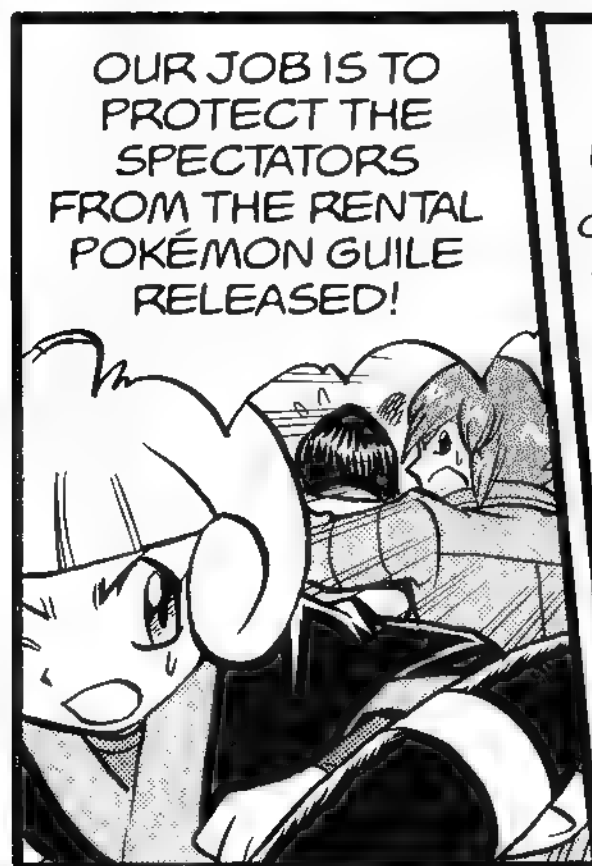
As with the other six facilities, the challenger receives a Symbol for defeating the Battle Tower Frontier Brain. At the Battle Tower, I, Scott, will personally award Trainers with a Silver Shield after fifty consecutive wins in Single battle and a Gold Shield after a hundred.



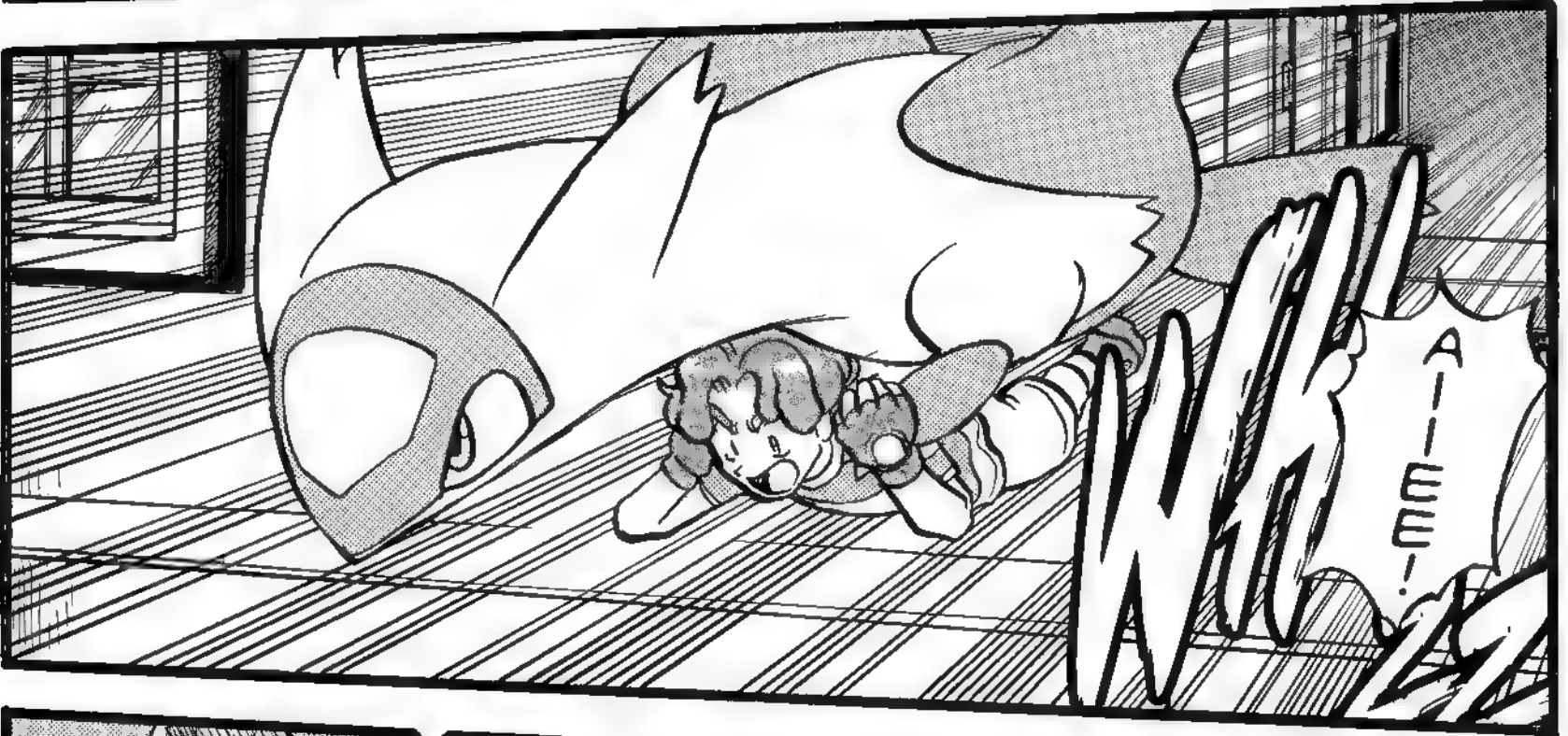


Lemme at 'Em, Lapras!





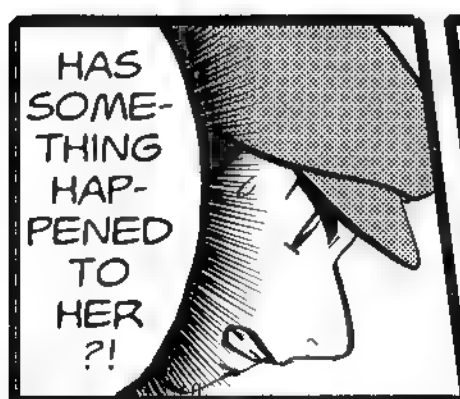






WHY ISN'T
ANABEL
PICKING
UP?!

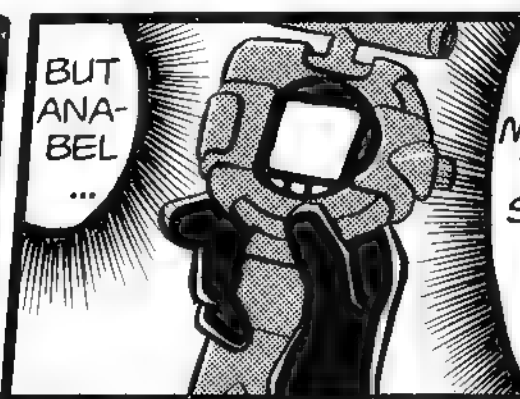
STRANGE
...



HAS
SOME-
THING
HAP-
PENED
TO
HER
?!

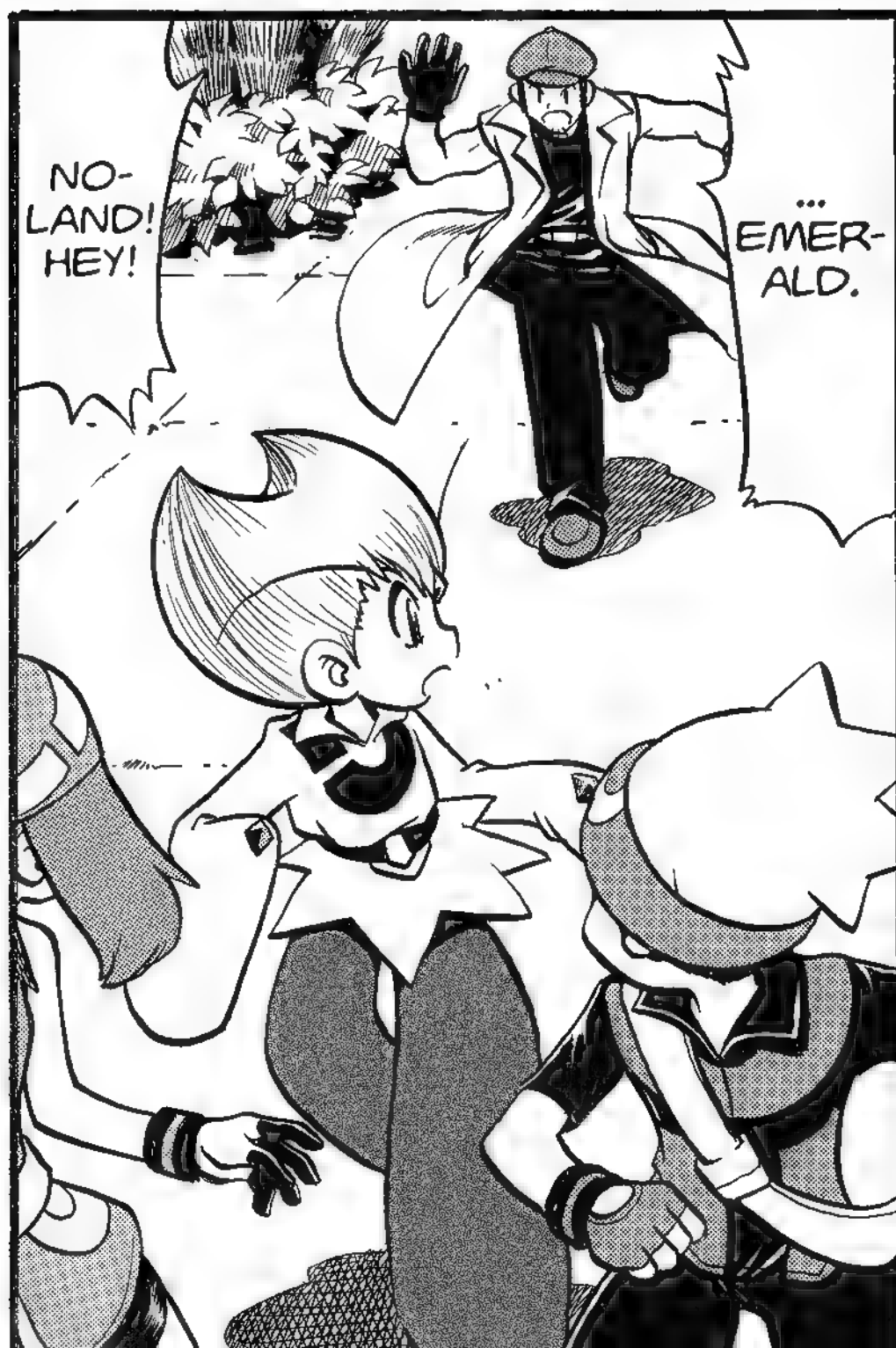


WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!
ANABEL
!!



BUT
ANA-
BEL
...

I
MANAGED
TO TELL
SPENSER
WHAT
HAP-
PENED.



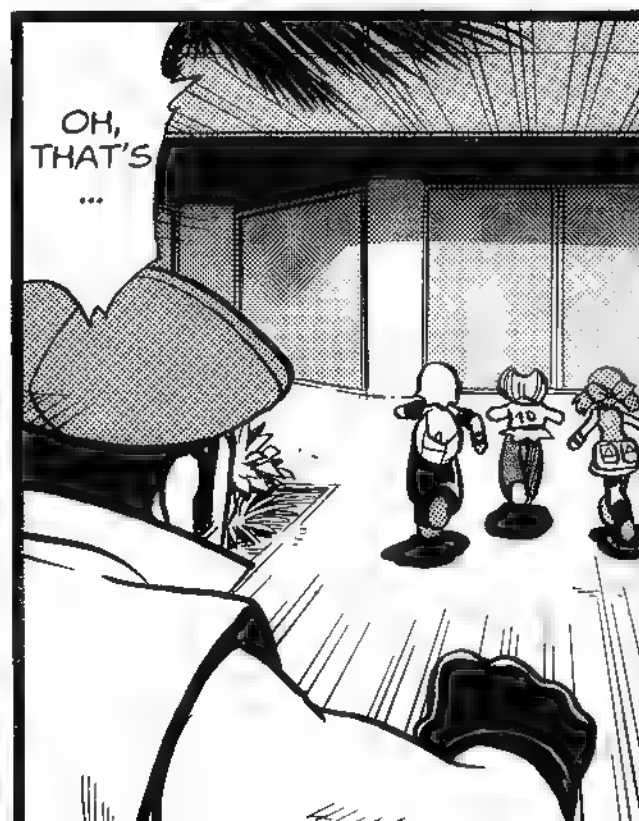
NO-
LAND!
HEY!

...
EMER-
ALD.

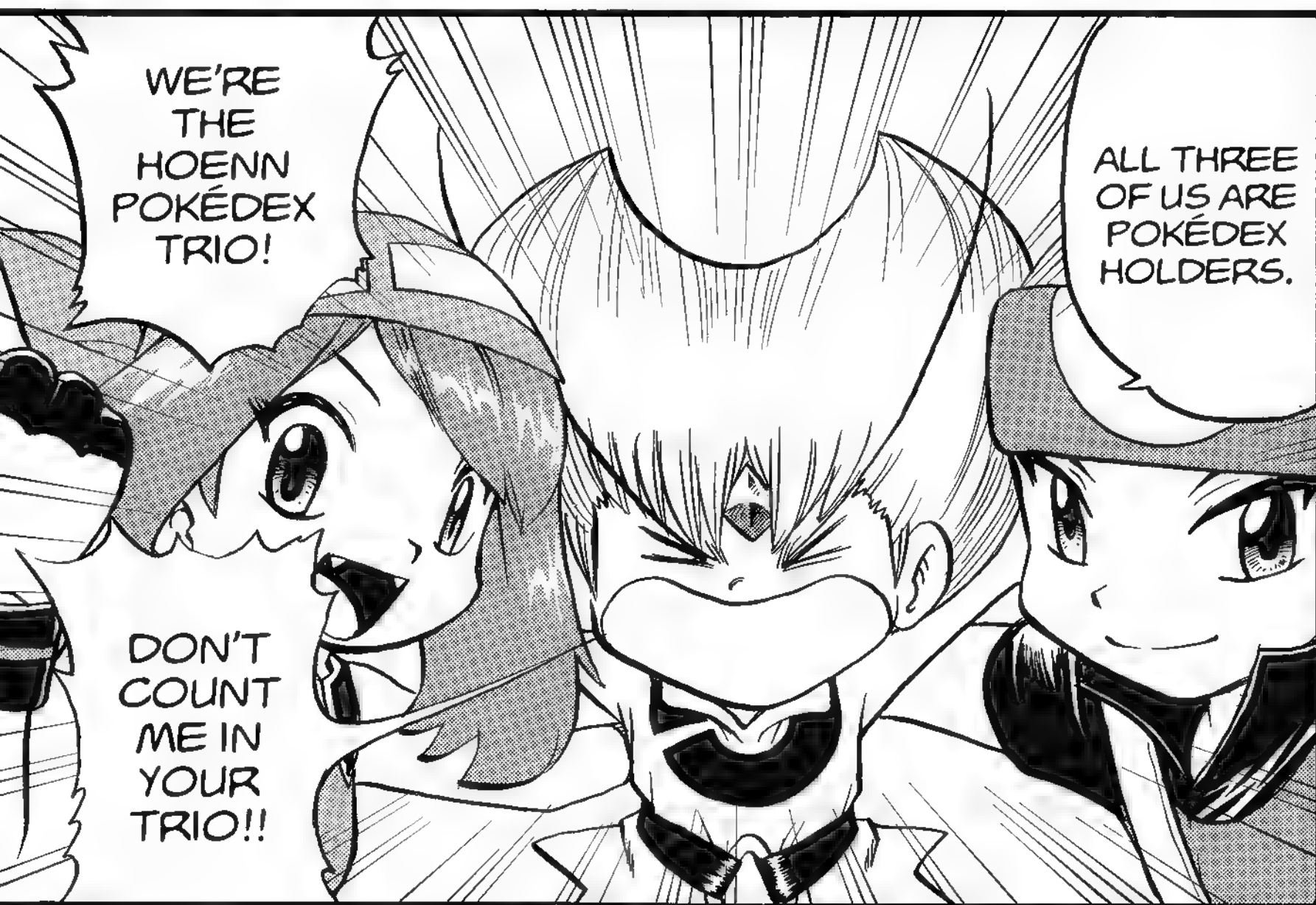
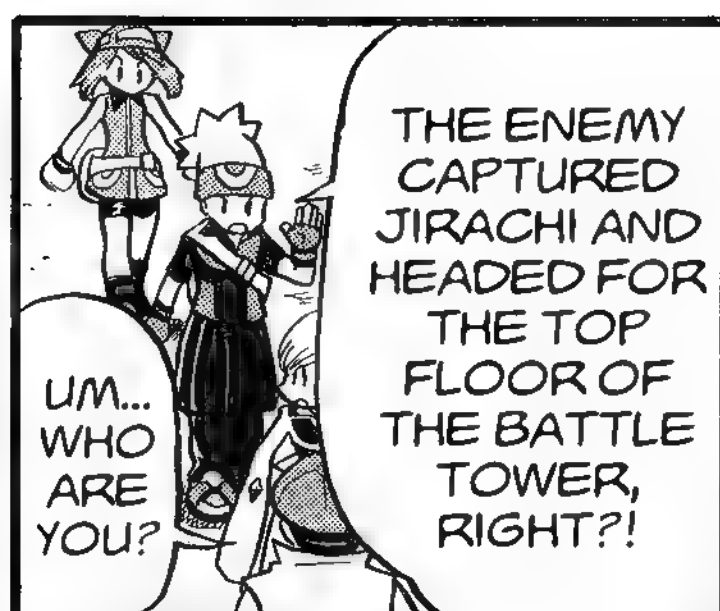
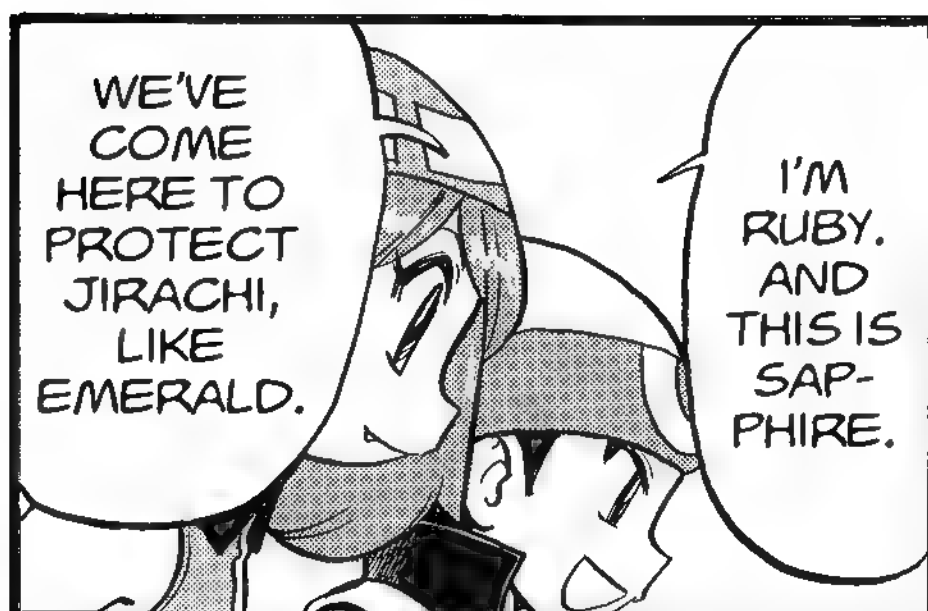


WE
HAVE
TO PUT
A STOP
TO THIS
BEFORE
NIGHT
FALLS!

I'LL
HAVE
TO GO
TO THE
BATTLE
TOWER
MYSELF
TO FIND
OUT...



OH,
THAT'S
...





RSTL
RSTL
I DON'T NEED YOU GUYS....!



I DON'T CARE !!

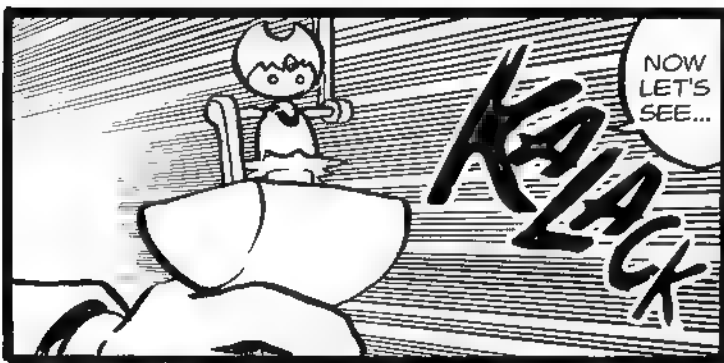
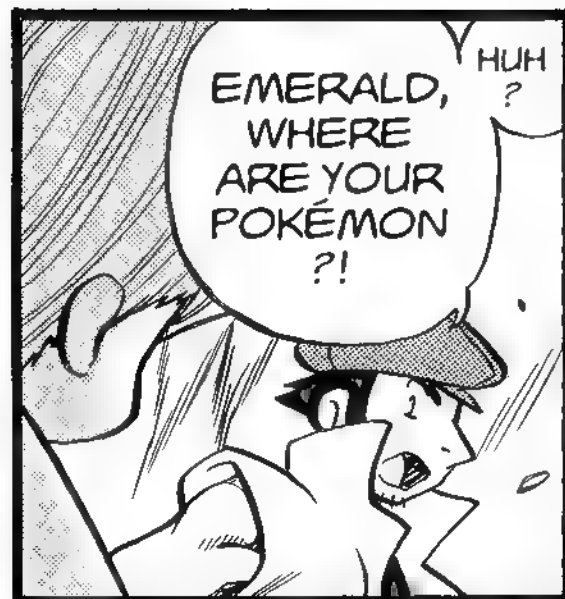
...THEN WE'LL BE A TRIO OF CHAMPIONS!

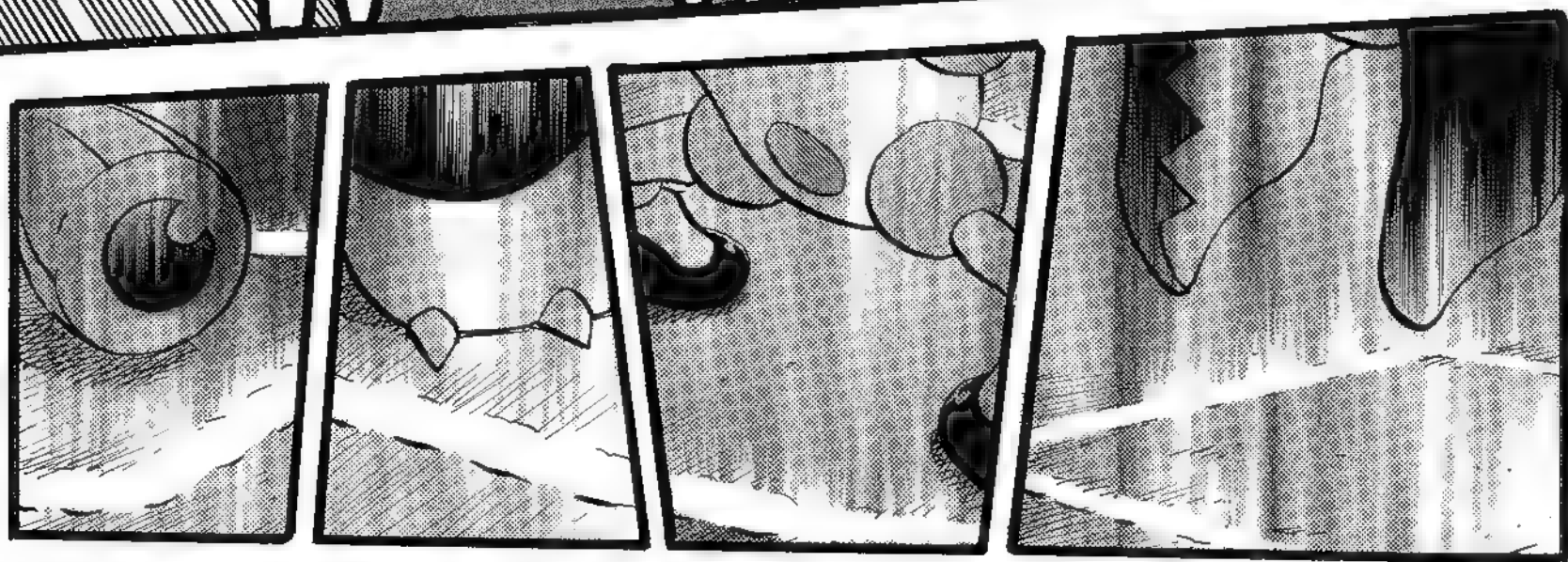


...THE RENTAL POKÉMON GUILDE RELEASED ALL OVER THE BATTLE FRONTIER! I HAD NO IDEA THEY'D MADE IT THIS FAR....!

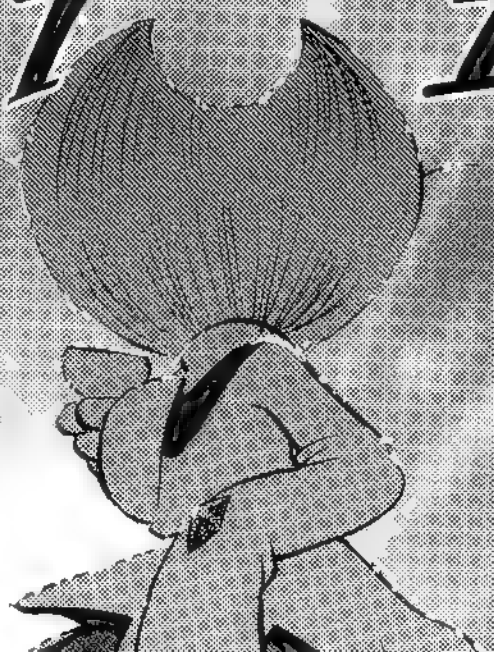


WHOA! THOSE ARE ...





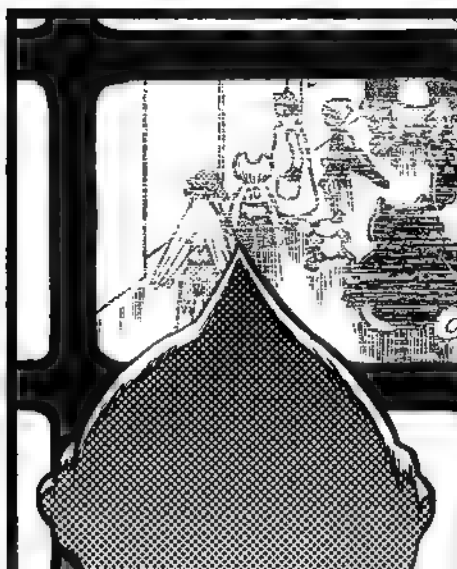
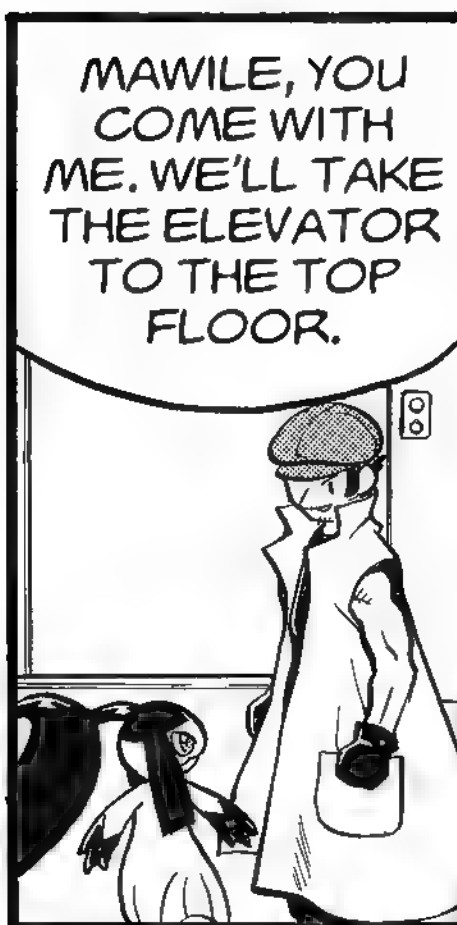
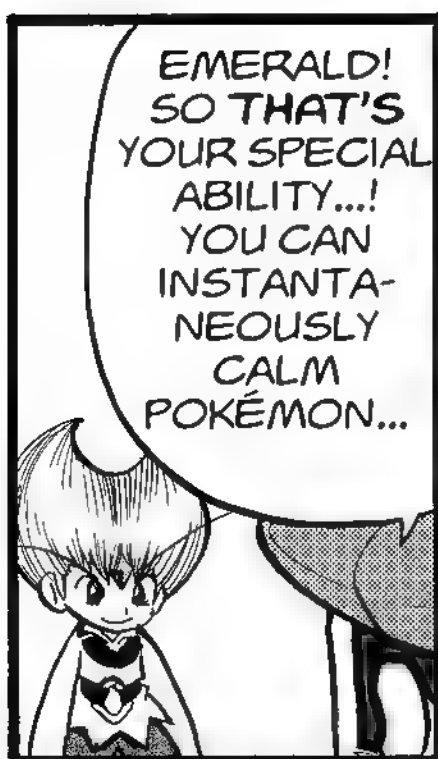
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...SNORLAX,
MR. MIME,
MANTINE,
AND MAWILE!





THOSE
TROUBLE-
MAKERS
...

THEY'RE
HERE!

AND...
ARRGH
...

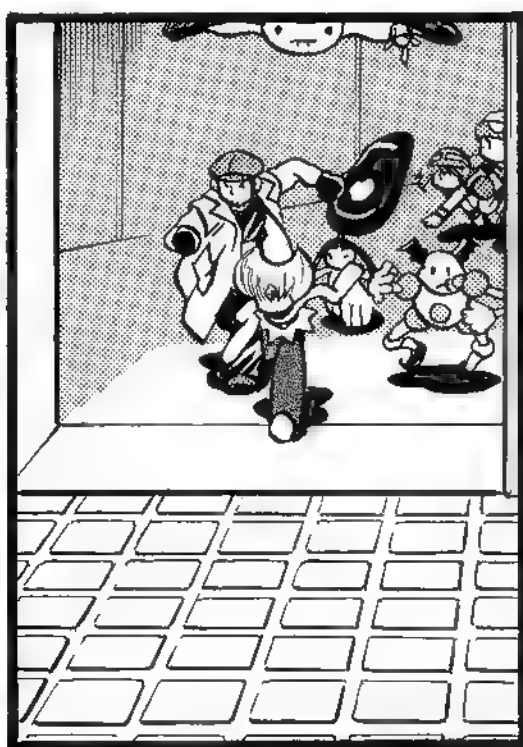
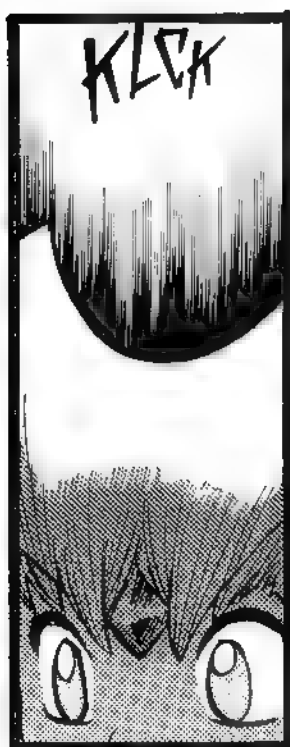
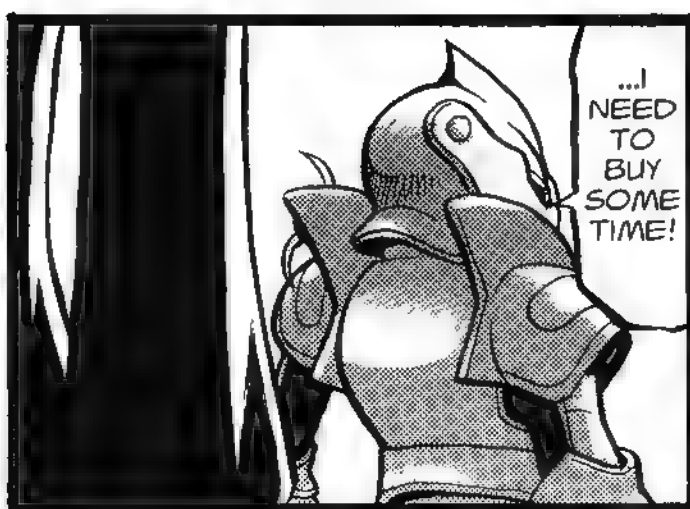
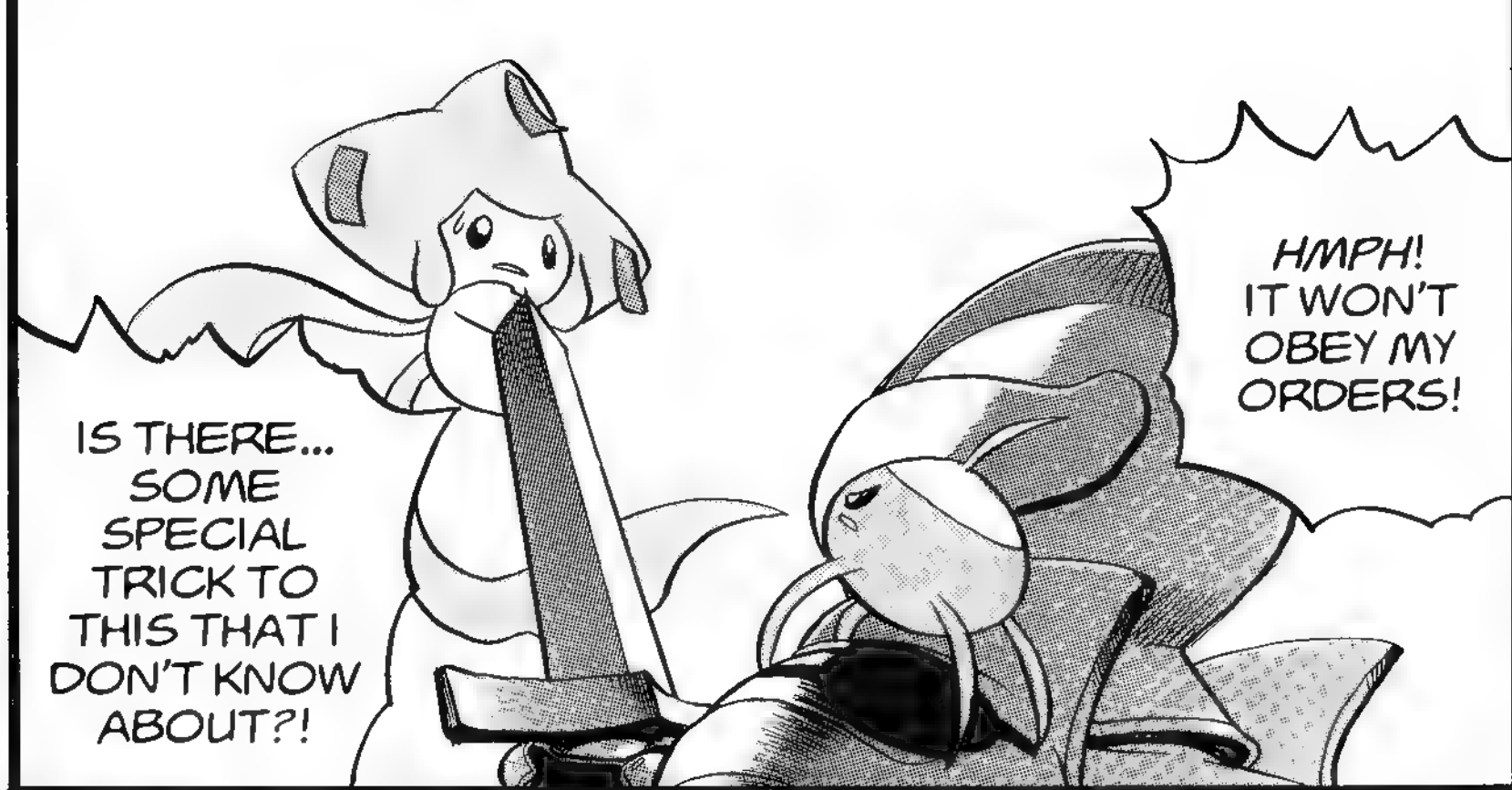
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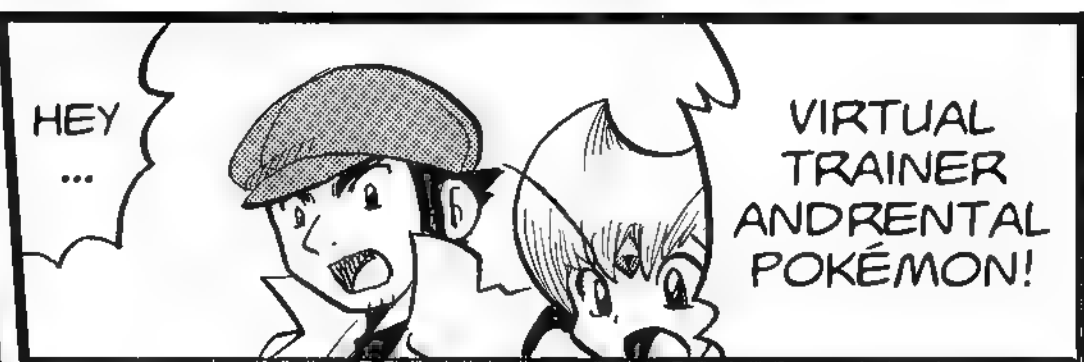
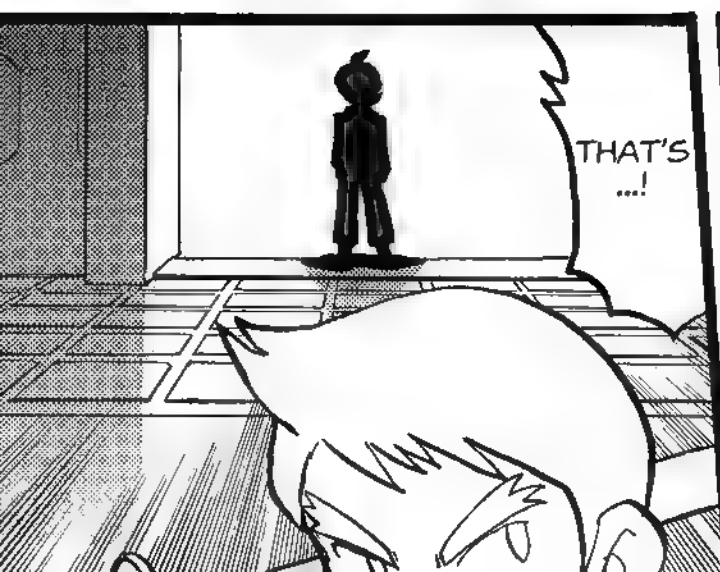
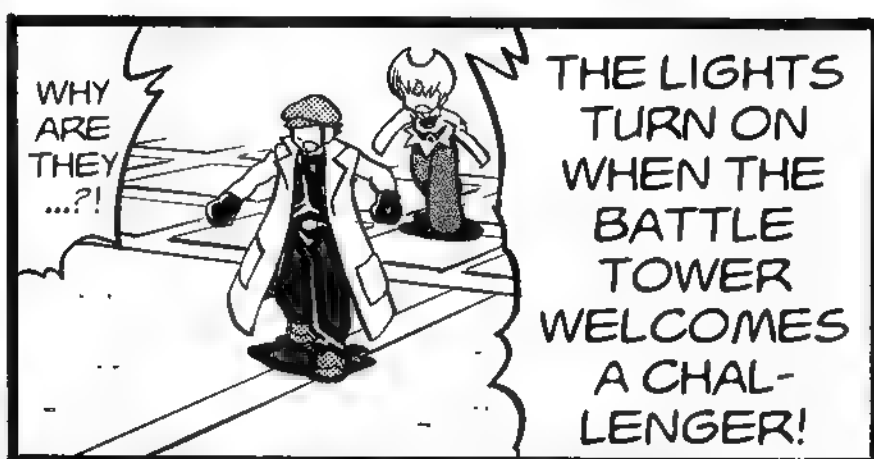
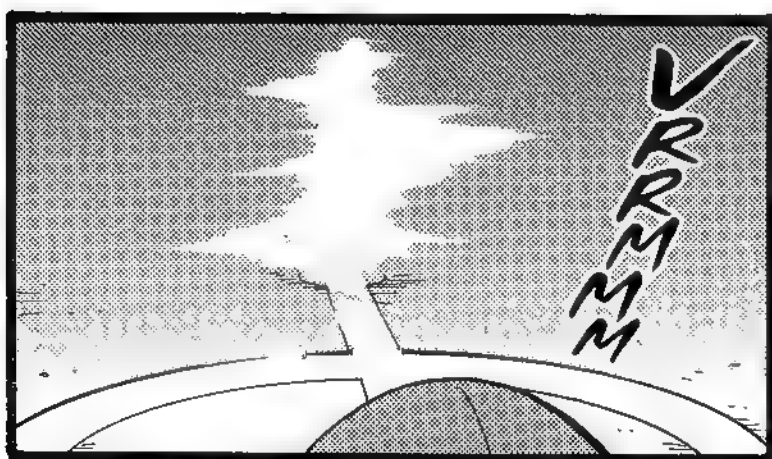
...HAVE
CAUGHT UP
WITH ME
ALREADY...

WHY
WON'T
YOU MAKE
MY WISH
COME
TRUE?!

SHAK

!







**EVERYONE IS
OVERCOME
WITH FEAR!**

**HE'S
BACK!!**

**POKÉMON
EMERALD**

FINALLY! ALL TEN ARE GATHERED...

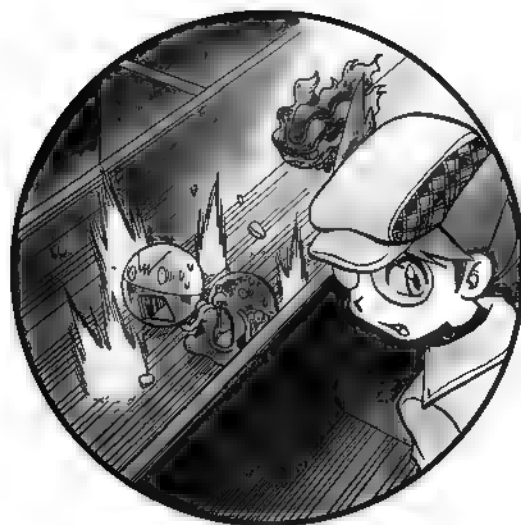
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**GUILE'S IDENTITY HAS FINALLY
BEEN REVEALED! JIRACHI'S THIRD
EYE OPENS! AND GUILE'S WISH
COMES TRUE AND HE...**

**...SUMMONS
A LEGENDARY
POKÉMON!!**





Message from Hidenori Kusaka

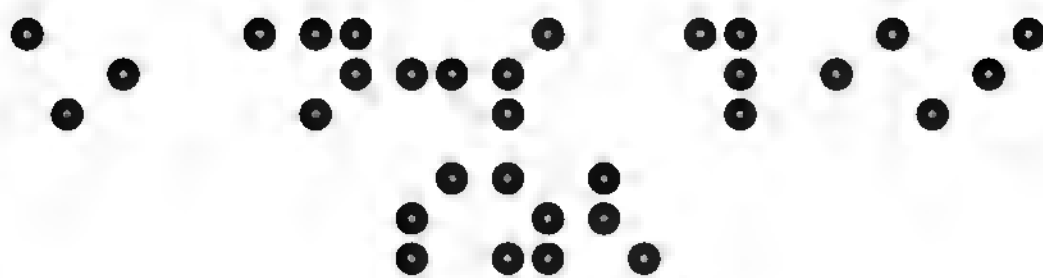
The year 2007 has almost come to an end. I can hear the footsteps of 2008 coming around the corner.* I've also been hearing about new Pokémon projects, and I'm looking forward to them. Some of those projects might be connected to the *Pokémon Adventures: Diamond and Pearl* story arc that I'm currently working on... I often receive questions like, "Isn't it hard to have to suddenly change the entire direction of the story because of the new games and plots?" Don't worry about me! I believe manga is like a living creature—I'm just weird that way. And so I enjoy how it morphs into new things! *(laugh)*

*This volume was originally published in Japan at the end of 2007.

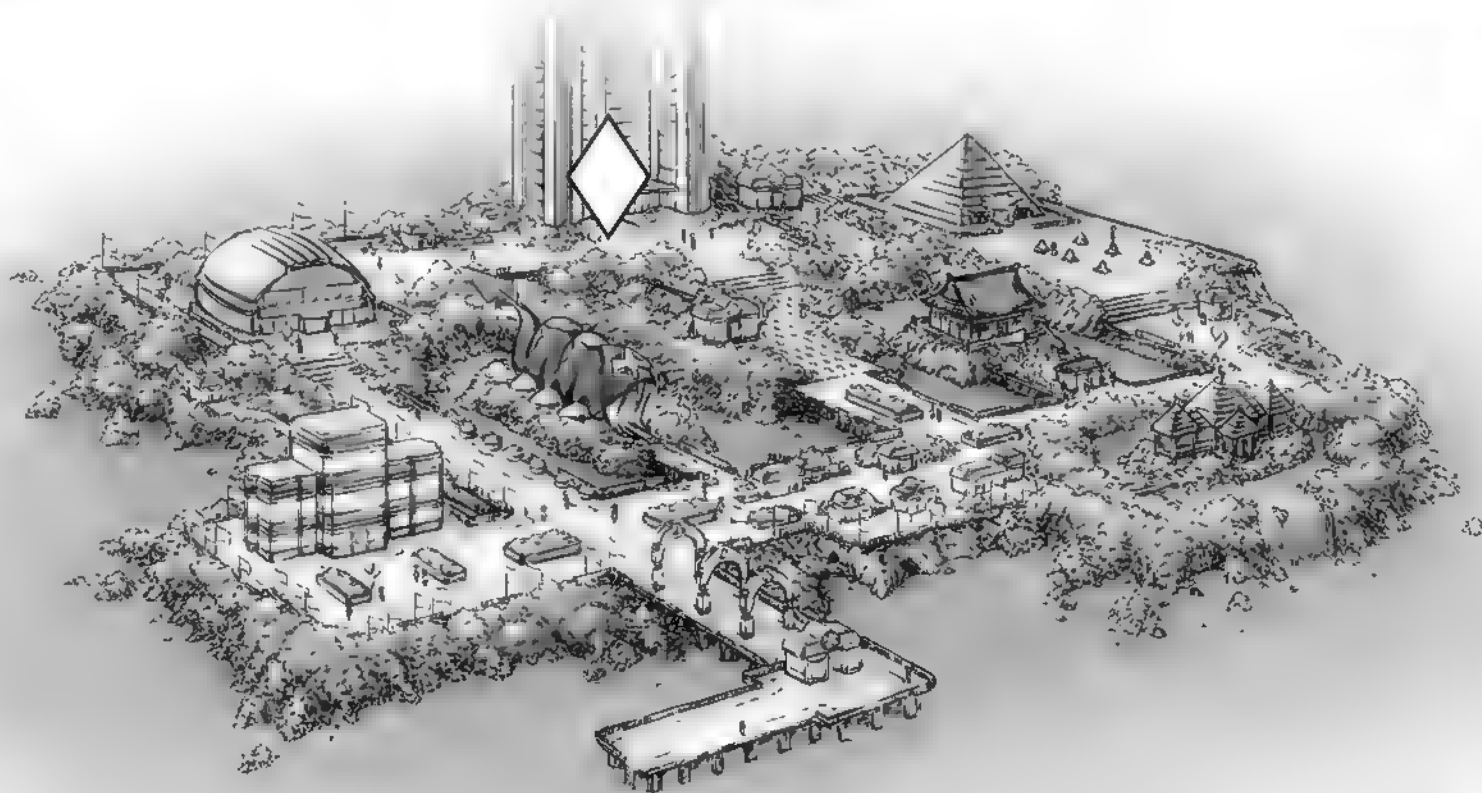
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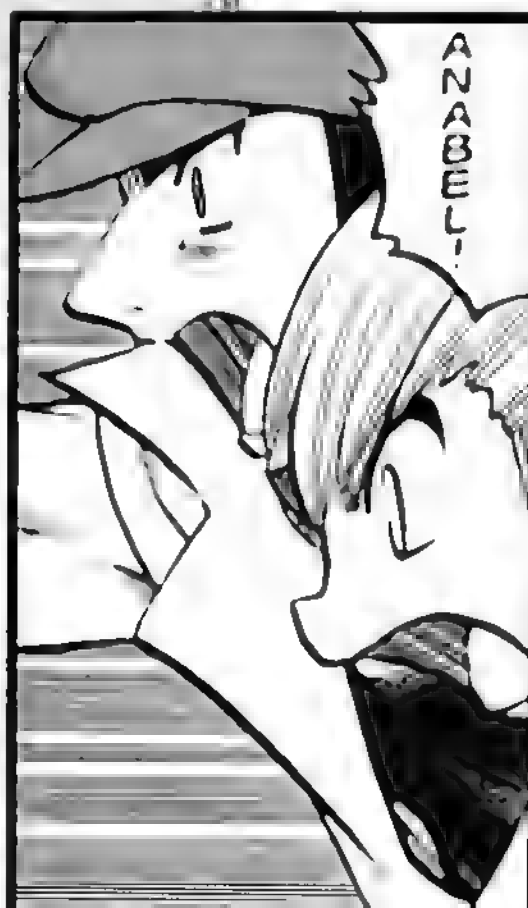
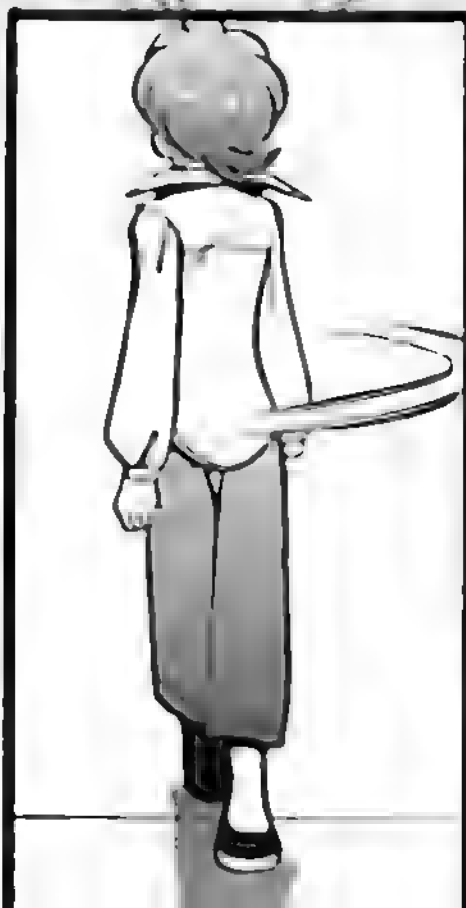
Ruby and Sapphire have finally joined Emerald! Emerald has been pushing the Frontier Brains around so much that it's fun to see someone boss him around for a change. Meanwhile, Emerald's battle against Guile and the race to capture Jirachi intensifies! Who is Guile anyway...?! Brace yourself for the heart-pounding excitement of this part of the Emerald story arc!

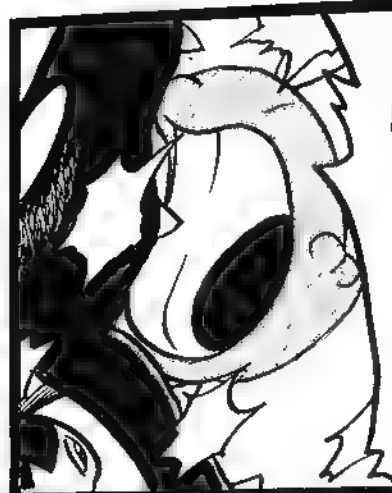
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Facing Gulpin Is Hard to Swallow

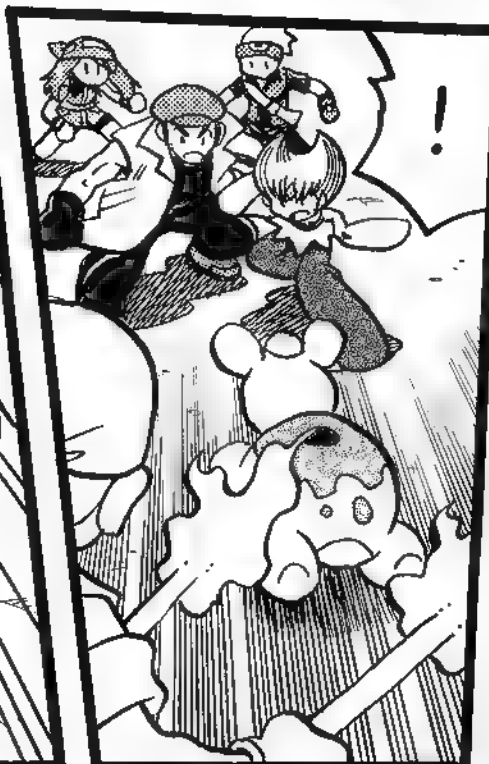
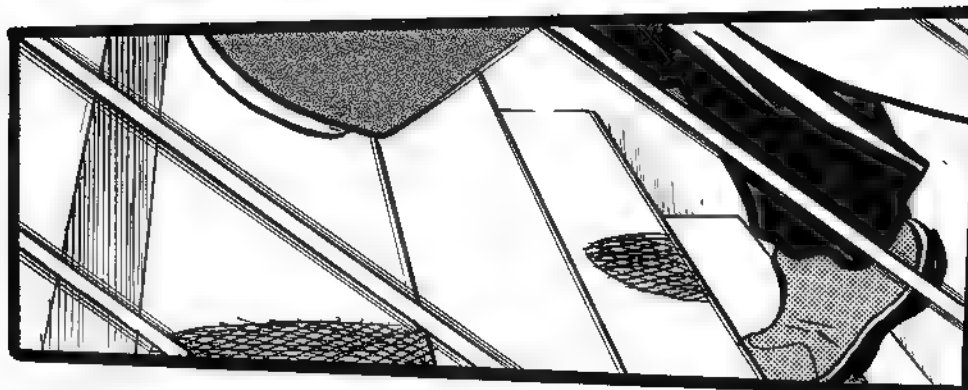






BUT WE
HAFTA DEFEAT
THE VIRTUAL
TRAINER
AND RENTAL
POKÉMON TO
GET TO THE
STAIRS!

WE
DON'T
HAVE
TIME
FOR
THIS!







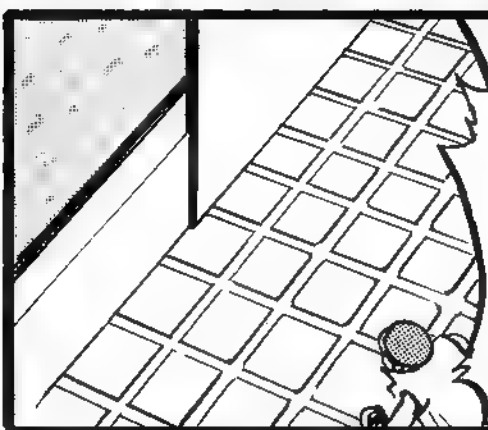
ARE
YOU
KID-
DING
?!

YES. AS YOU HAVE
SURMISED, I HAVE
TAKEN OVER THE
BATTLE TOWER. YOU
WILL BE FORCED TO
GO THROUGH TEN
ROUNDS TO DEFEAT
SEVEN VIRTUAL
TRAINERS IN A ROW...

...JUST
AS THE
RULES
SAY!



HAHAHA!
REMEMBER
THE LAST
TIME YOU
SAW HER?

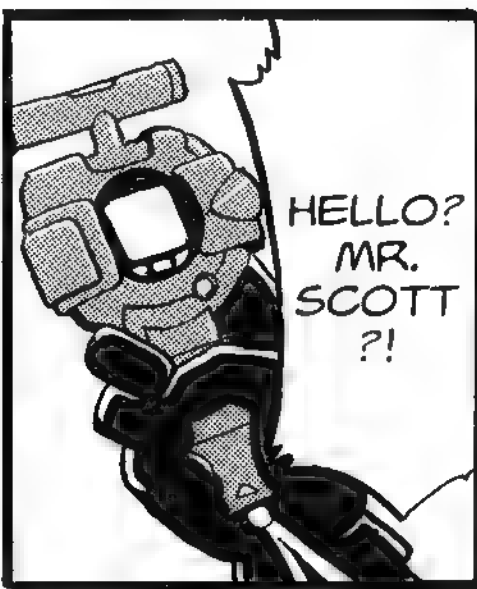


WH-WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE TO
ANABEL...?!



I HAD MY
HANDS FULL
WITH THE
PRESS AND
SPECTATORS!

WHAT...?
WHERE
WAS I
DURING
THE
DOME
BATTLE
...?



HELLO?
MR.
SCOTT
?!



CATCH
YOU
LATER!

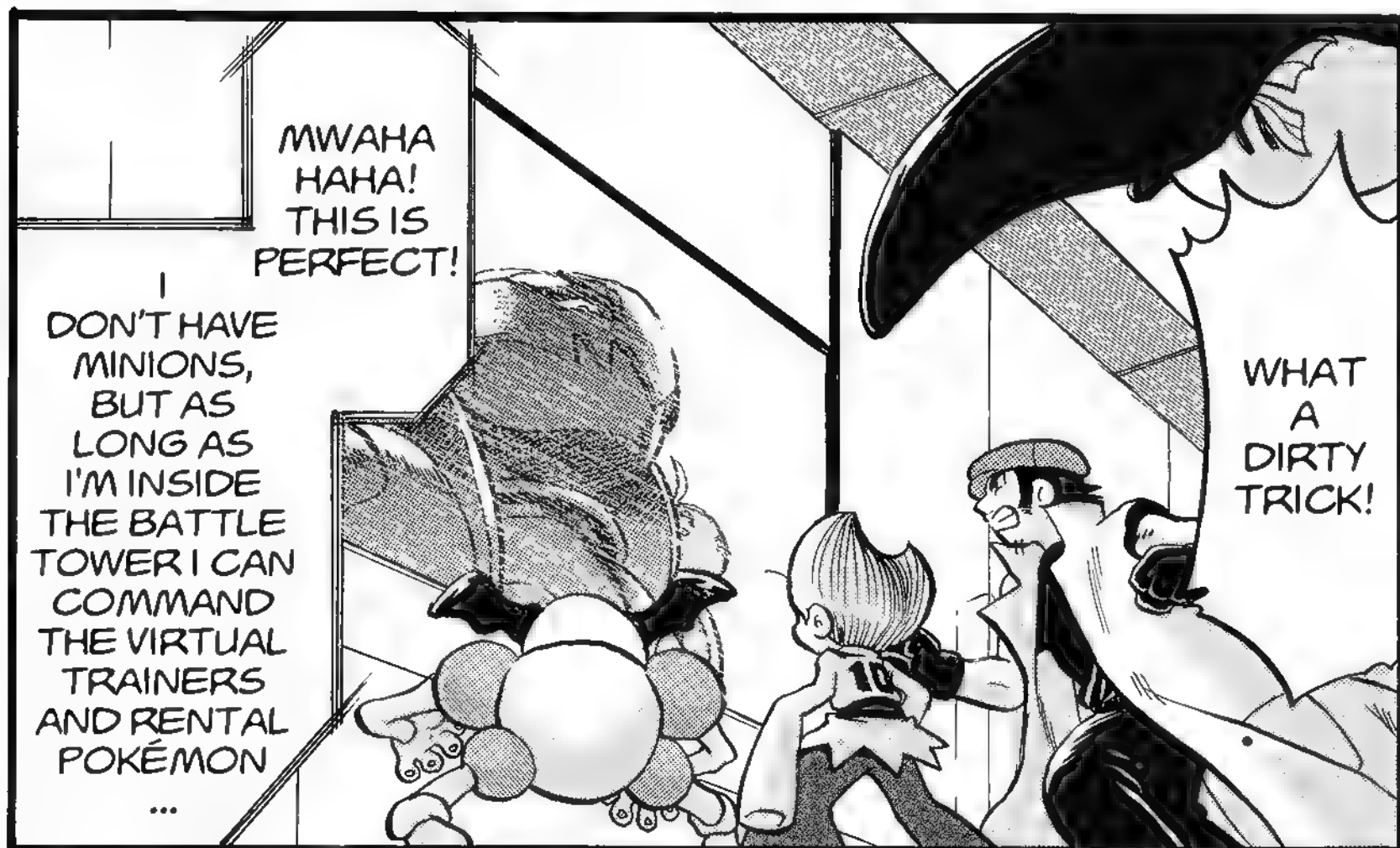
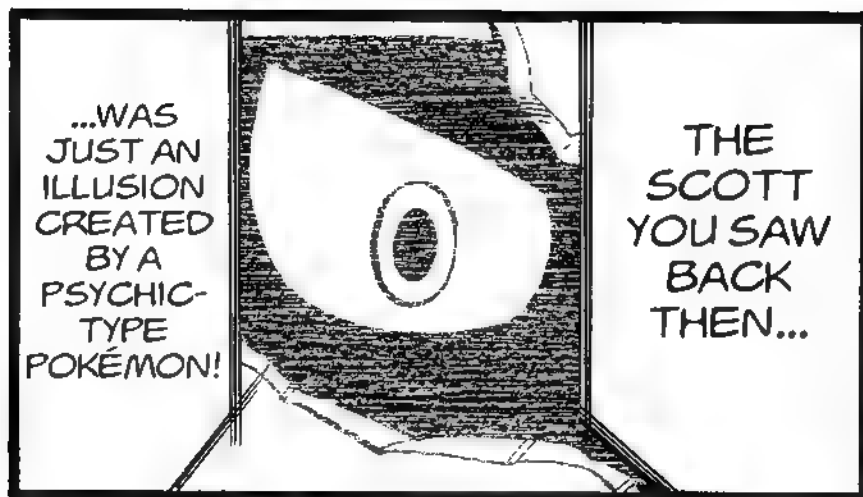
I NEED
TO SPEAK
WITH MR.
SCOTT
ABOUT
SOME-
THING...



ANABEL?
HAVEN'T
SEEN
HER ALL
DAY...
AIIIEEE!

AND
AT THE
MOMENT
I'M BEING
CHASED
BY RENTAL
POKÉMON
...







...
NEVER
FORGIVE
YOU.

I'LL...



I
WILL...

...NEVER
FORGIVE
YOU!!

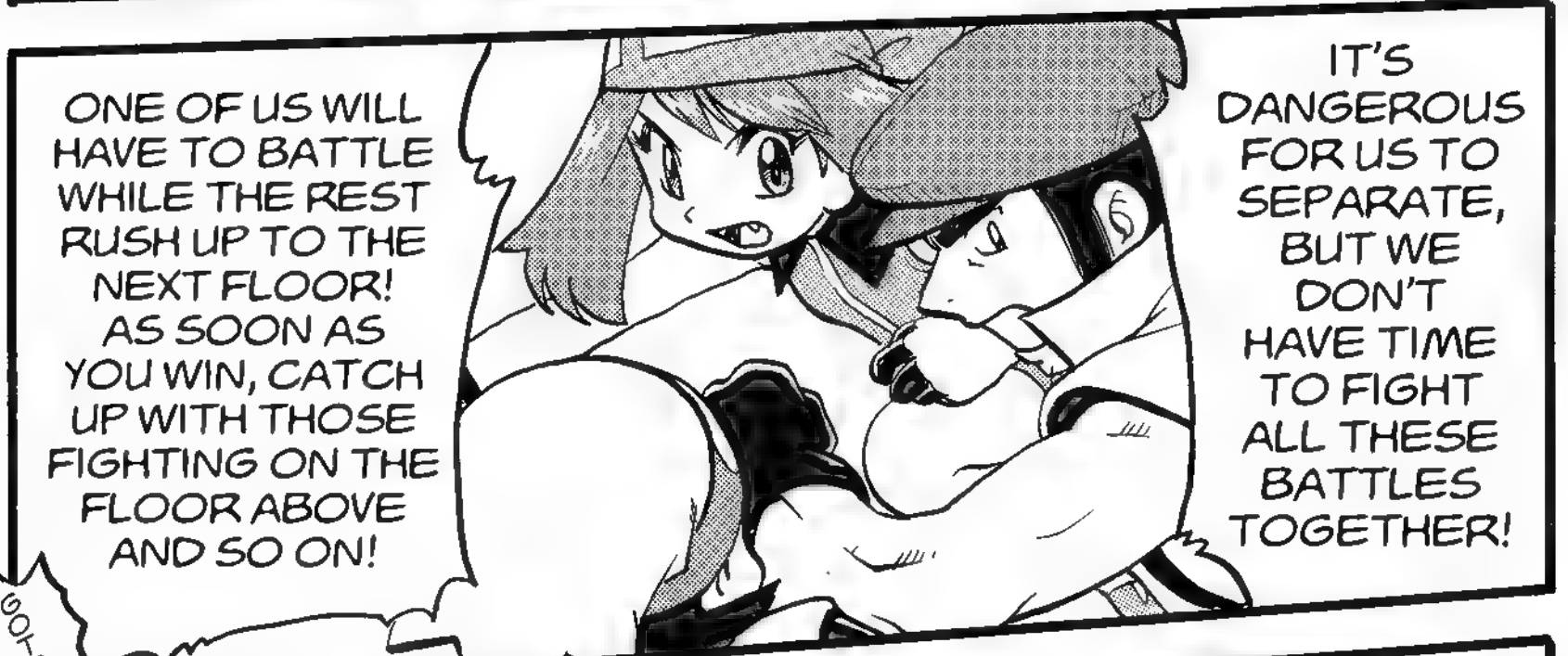


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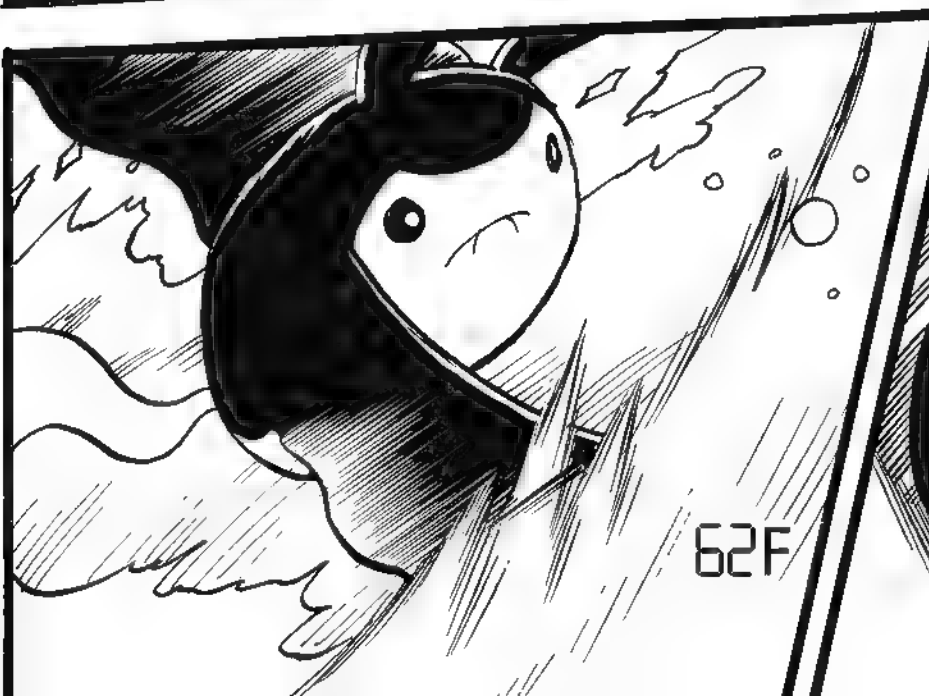
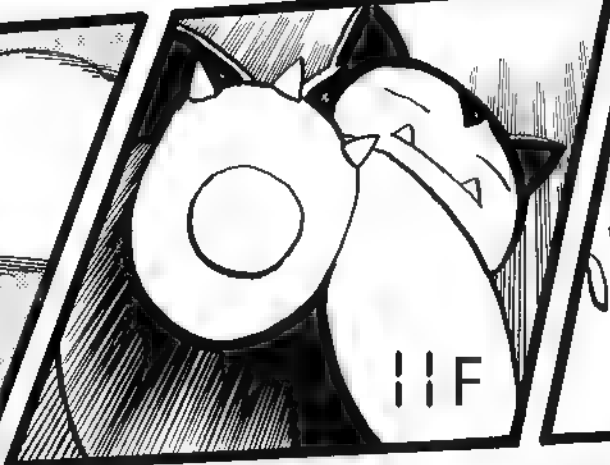
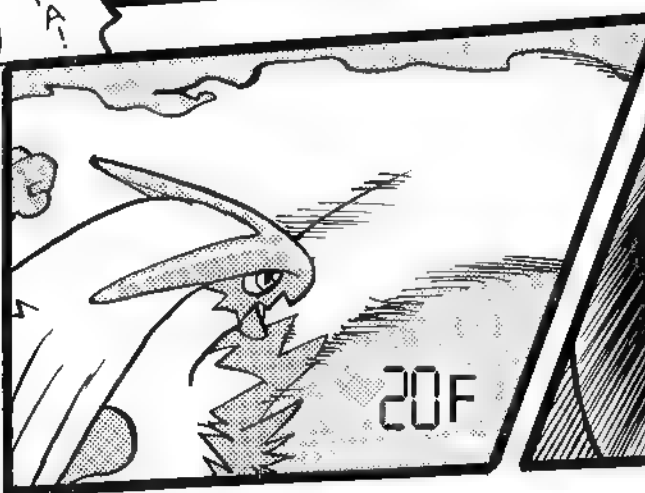
THAT IS,
IF YOU CAN
CLEAR
SEVENTY
BATTLES IN
A ROW...

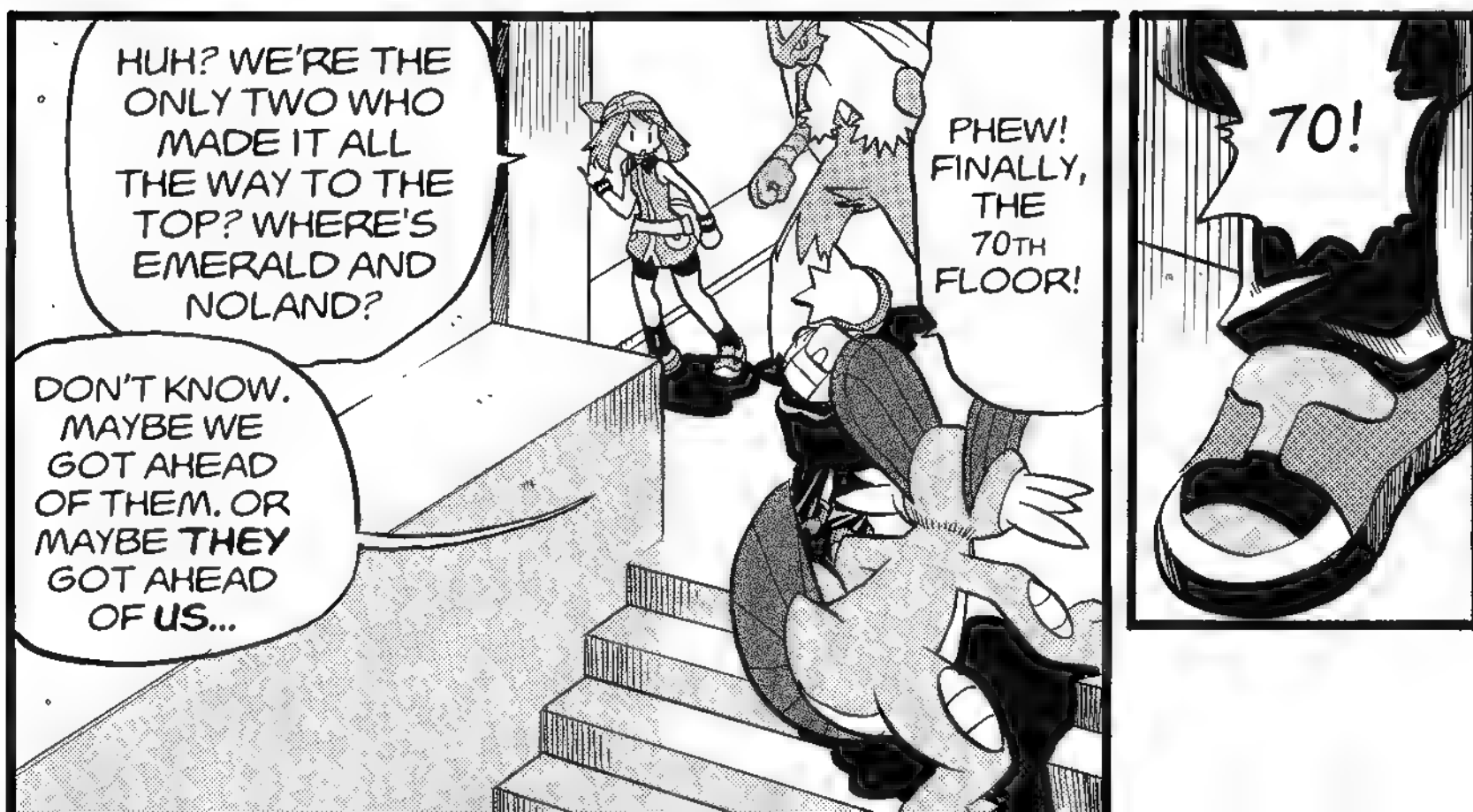
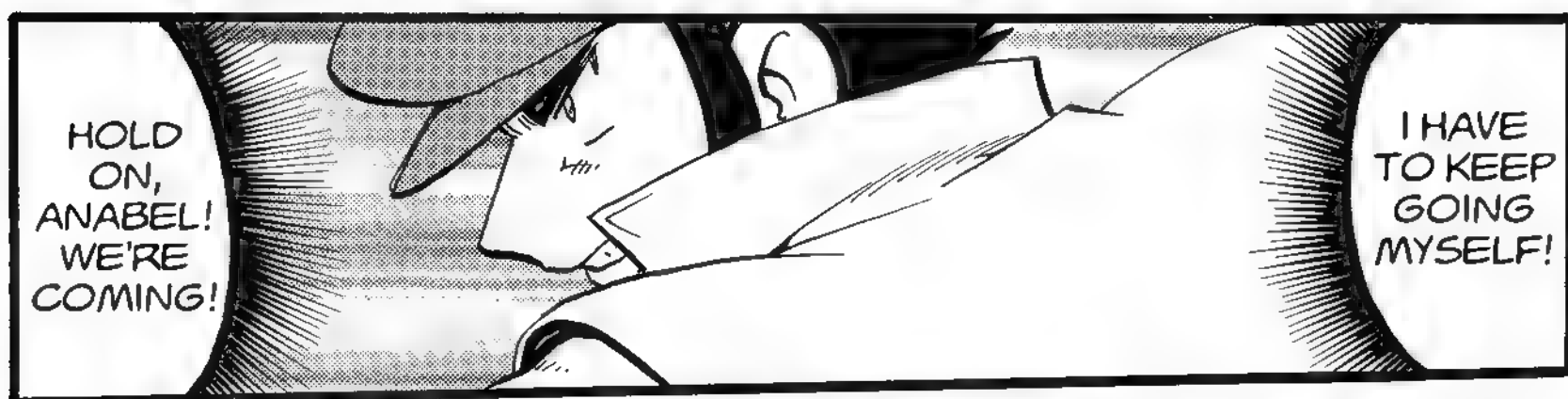


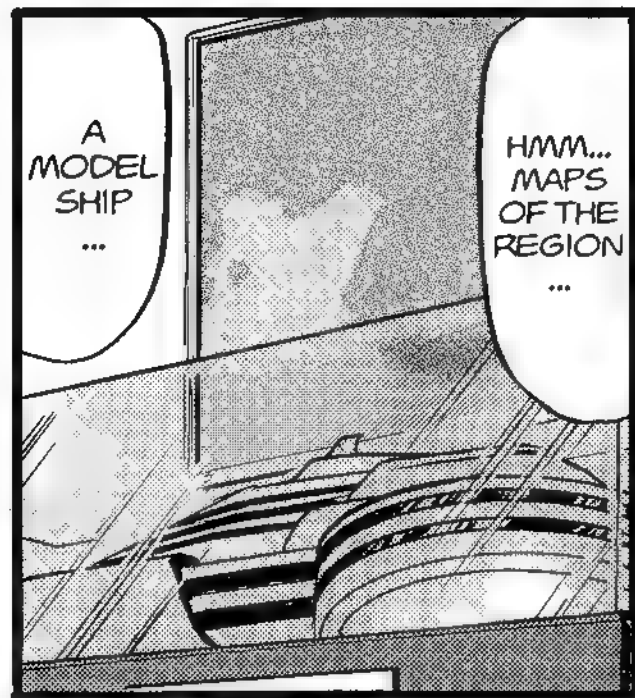
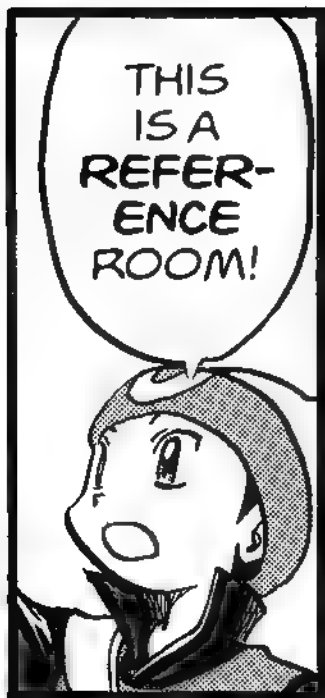
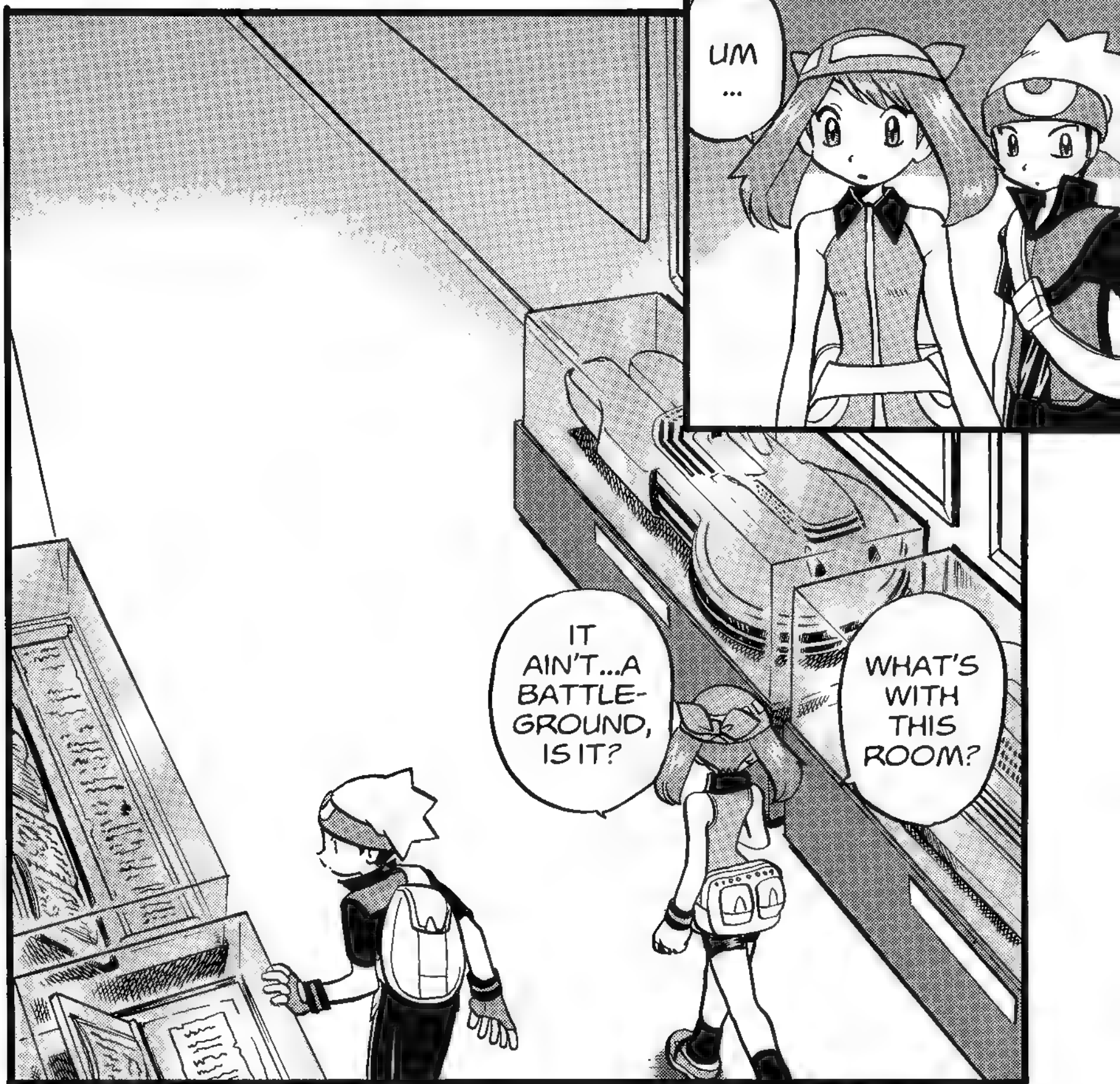
IF
YOU'VE GOT
SOMETHING
TO SAY TO
ME...SAVE
IT FOR THE
TOP FLOOR.

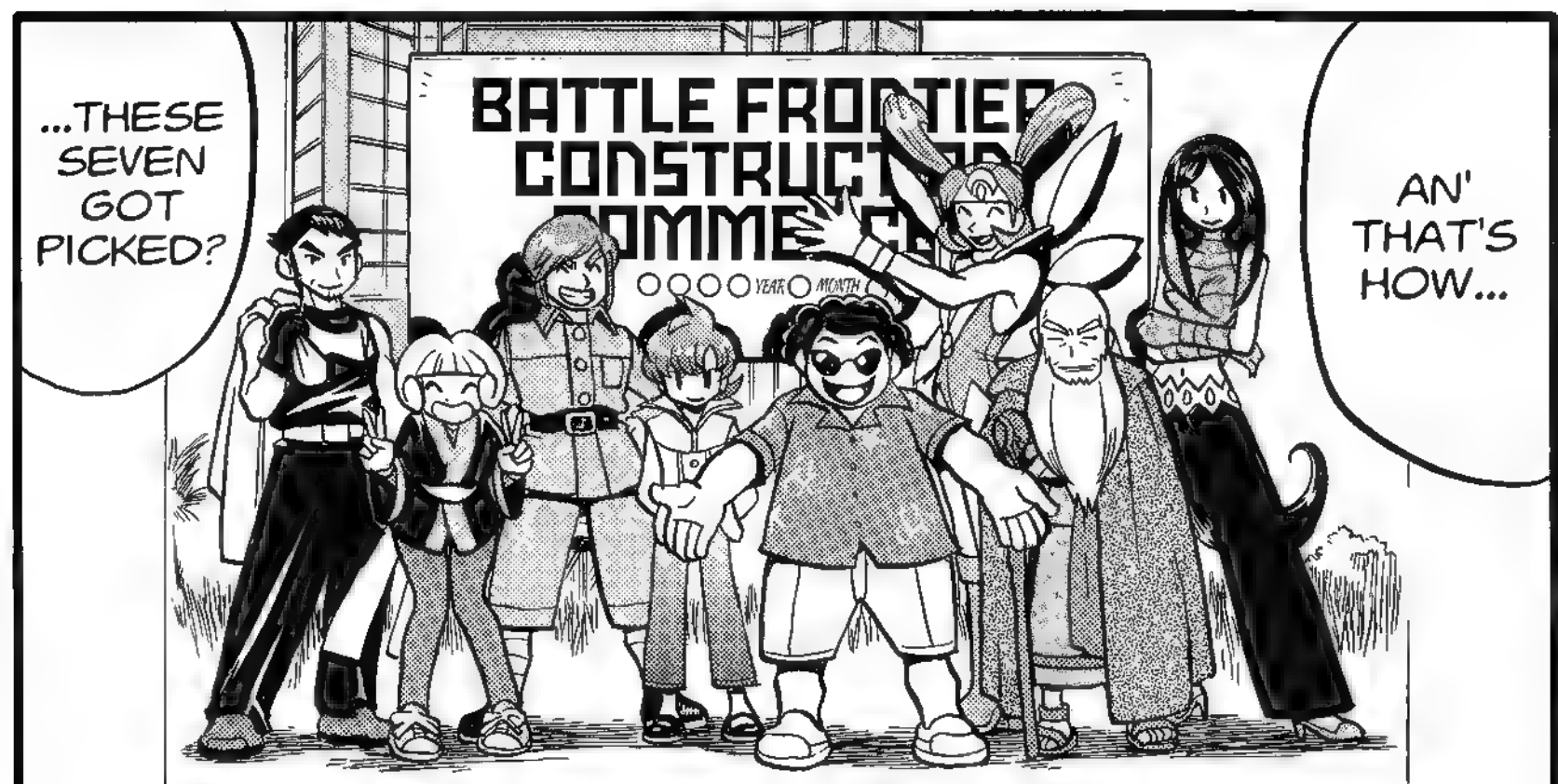
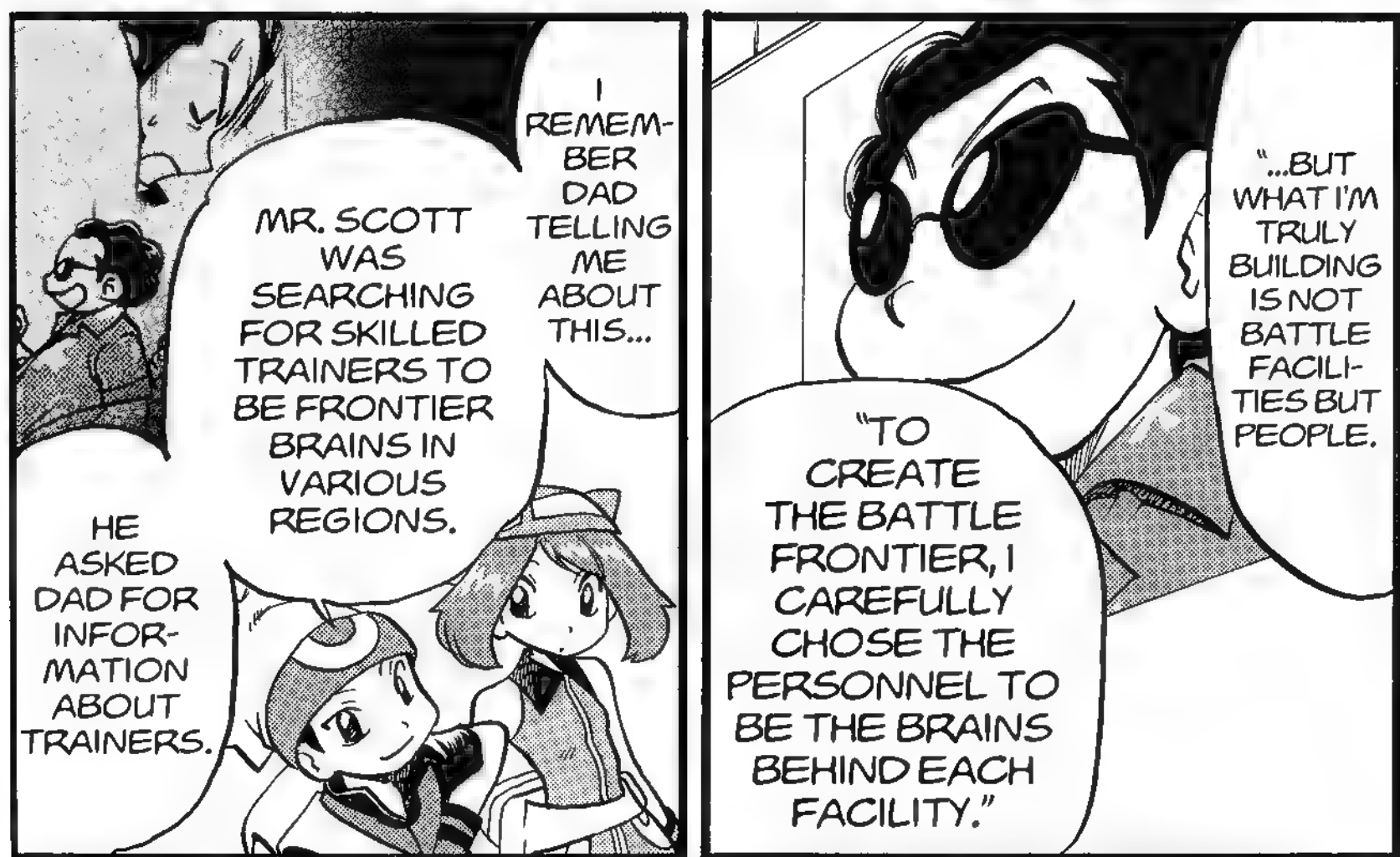
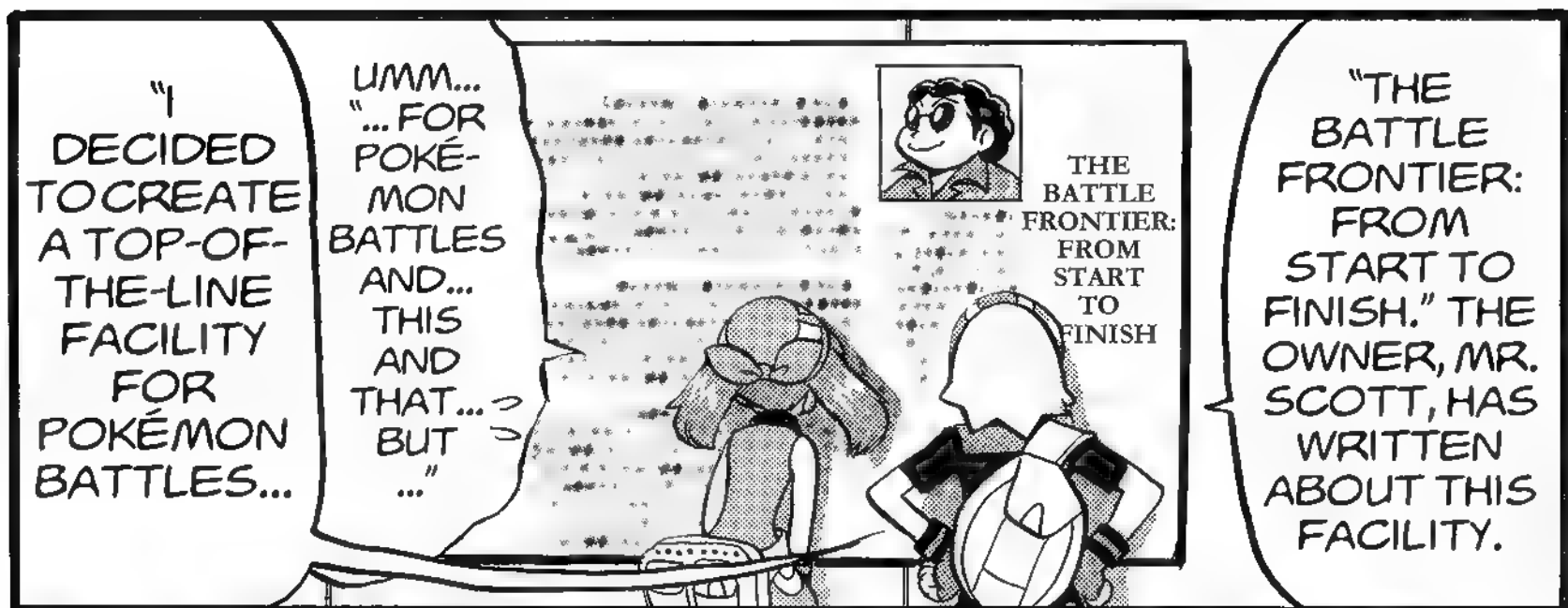


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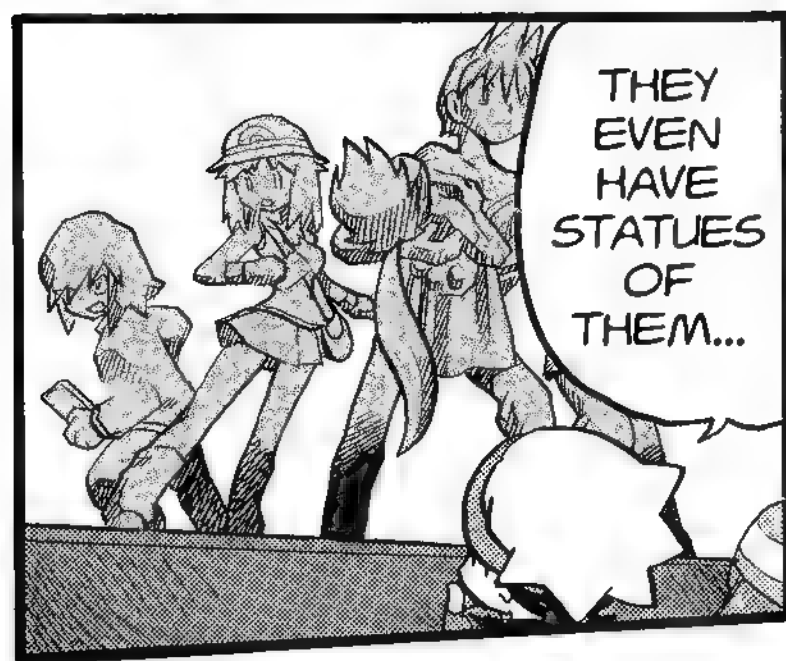
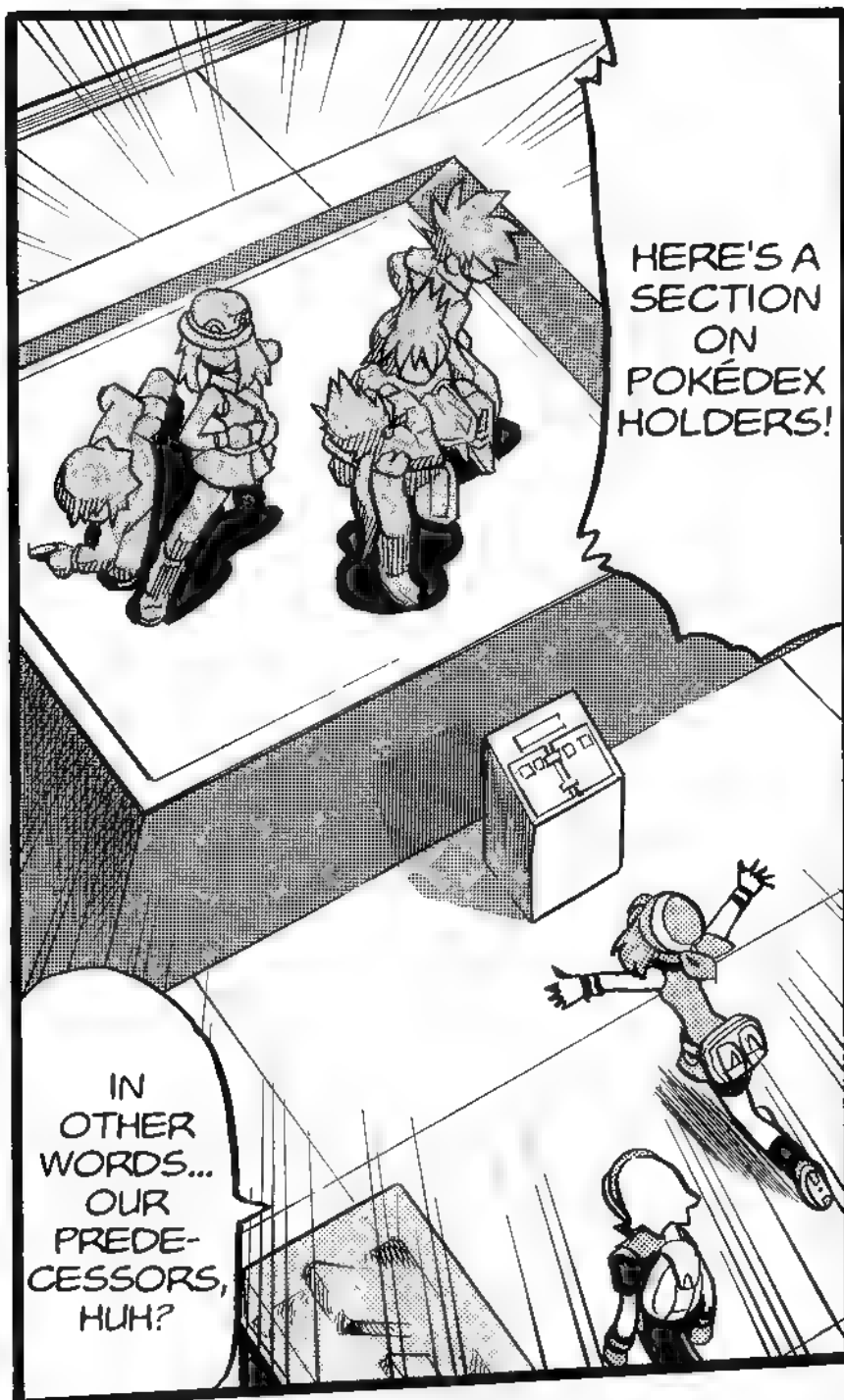






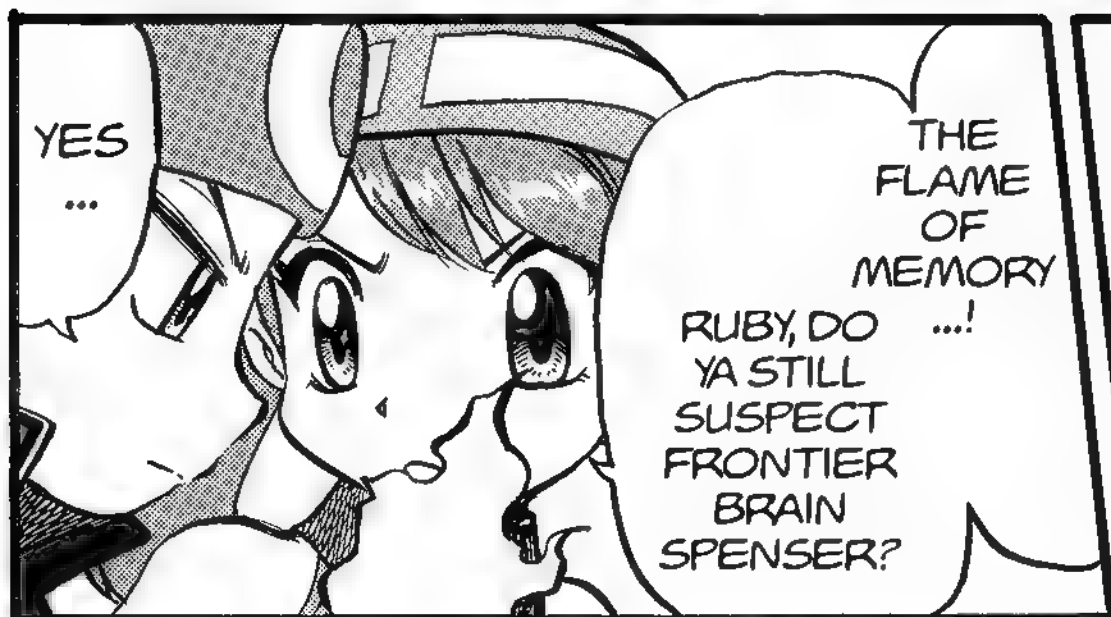
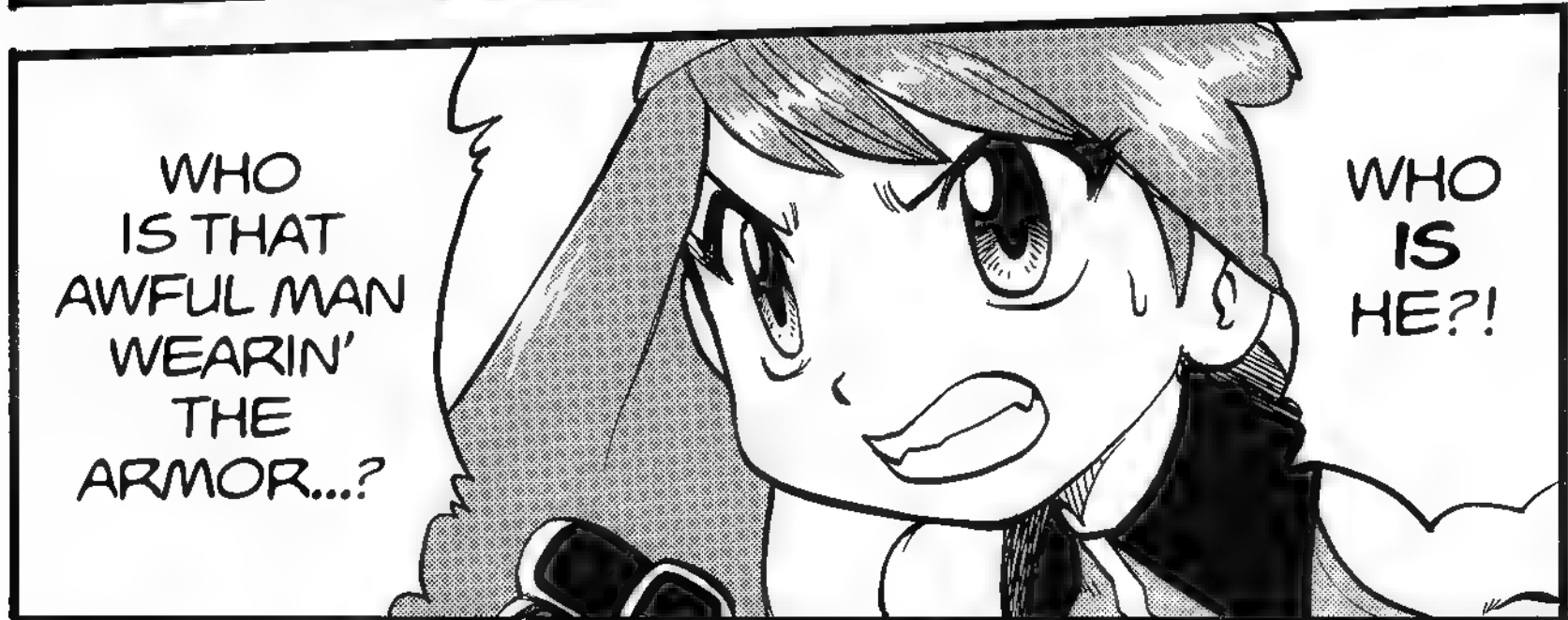


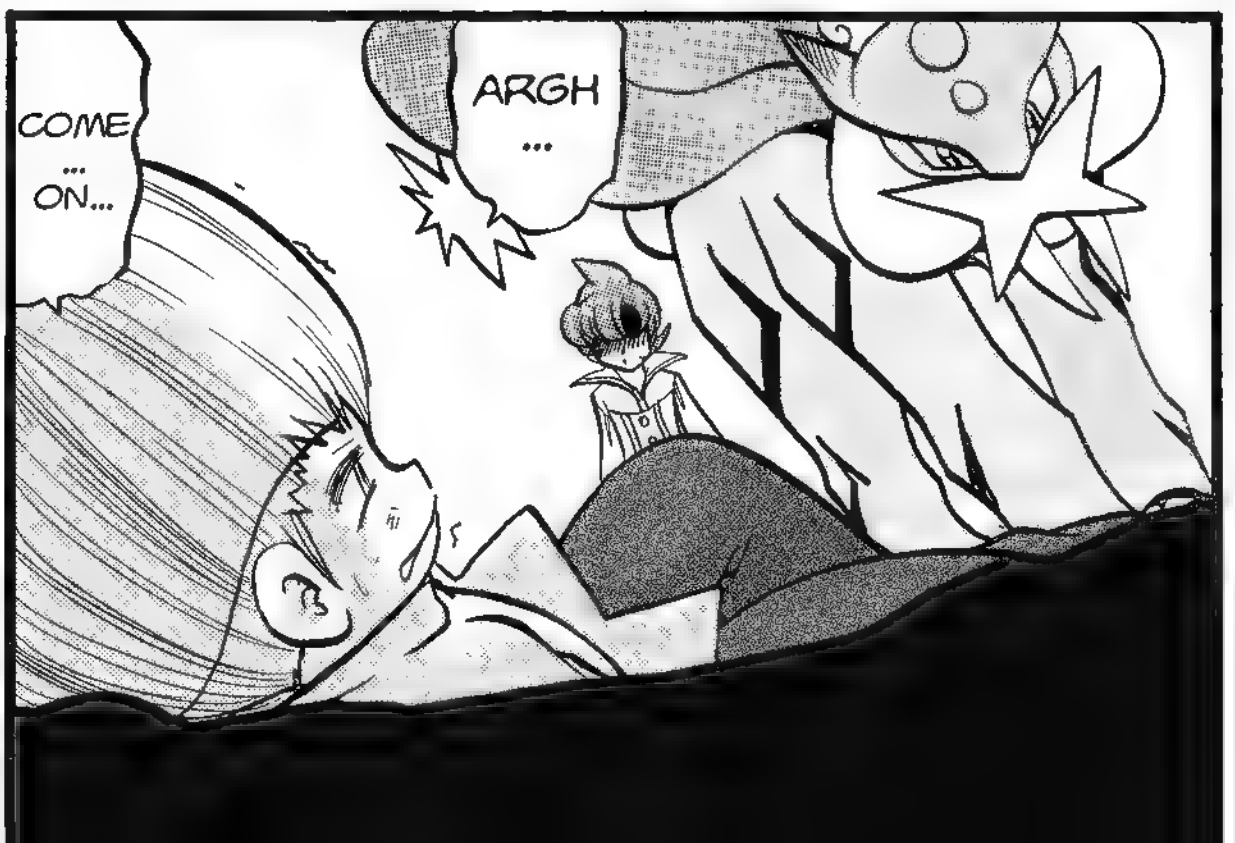
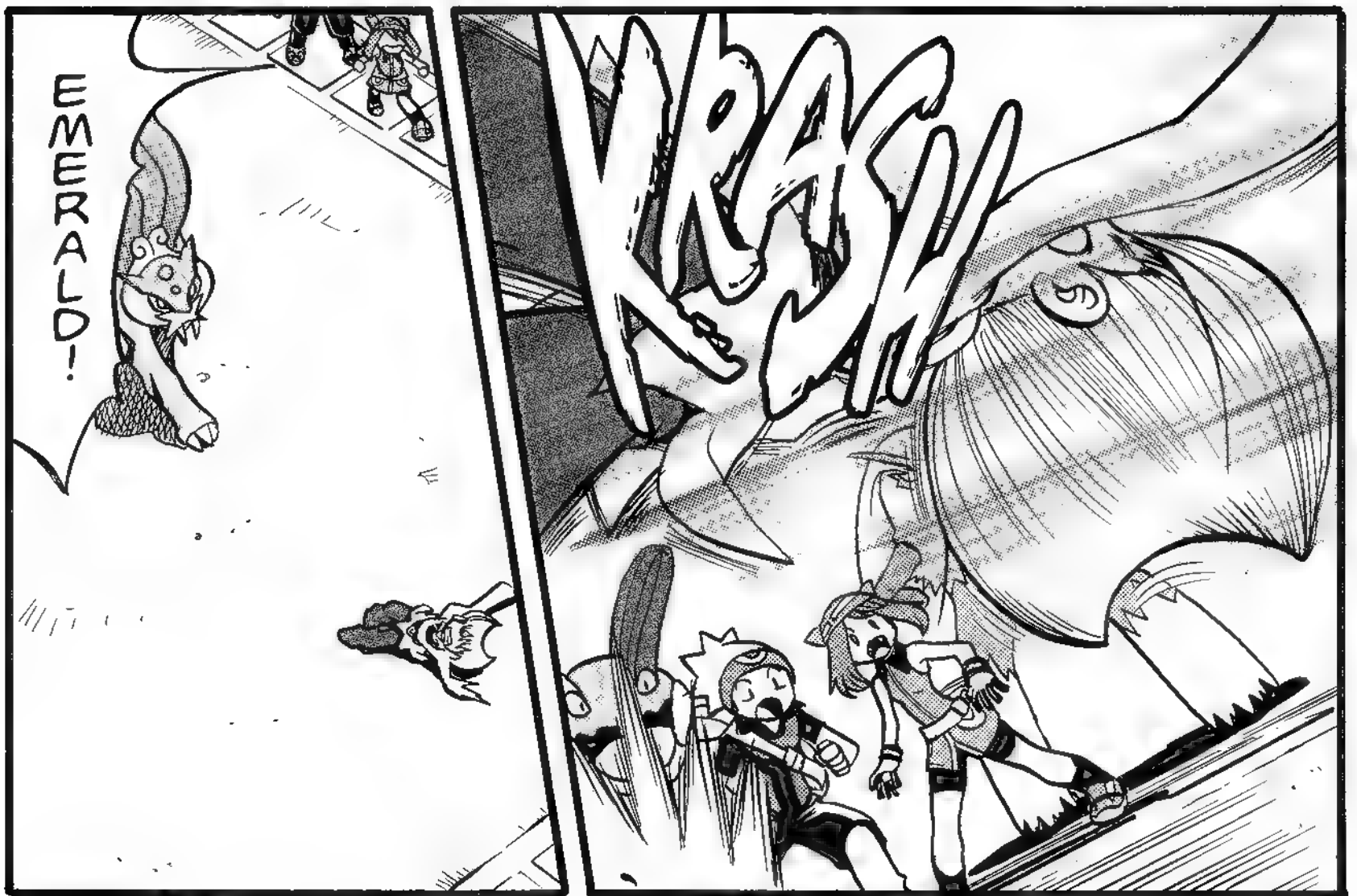
SO MR. SCOTT MUST HAVE RESEARCHED A LOT OF SKILLED TRAINERS BEFORE HE CHOSE THESE SEVEN FRONTIER BRAINS.



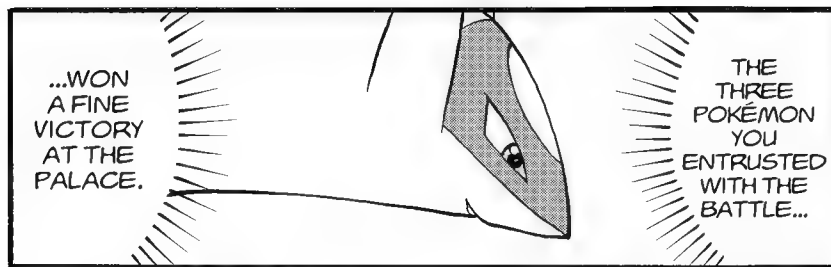


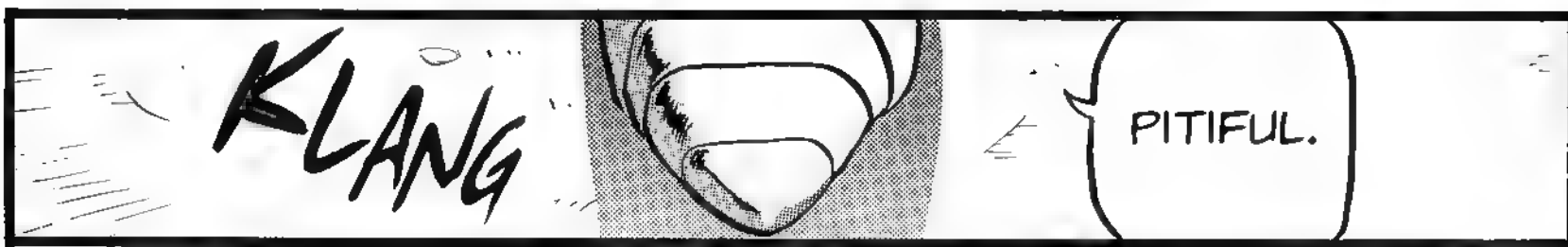


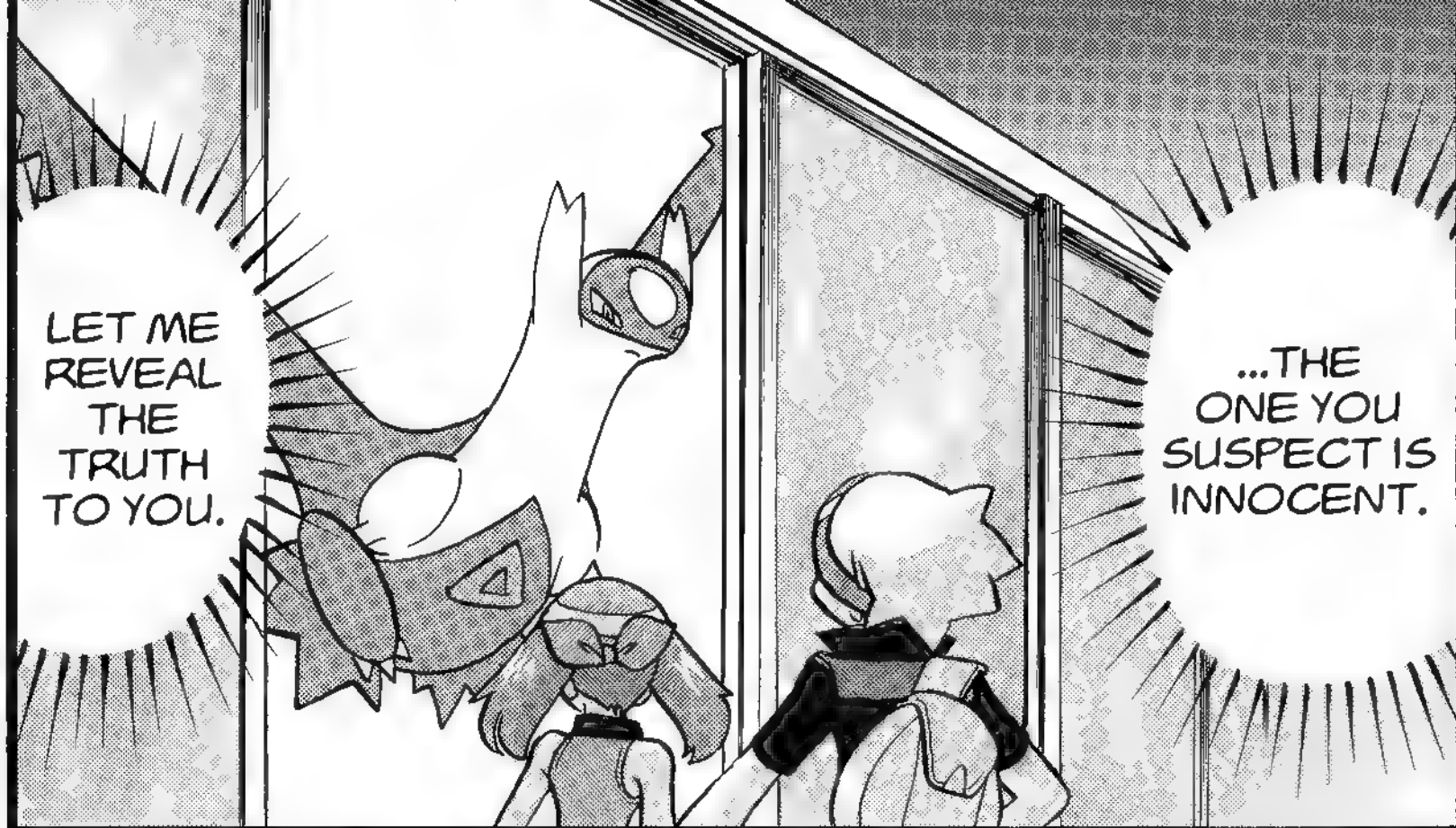












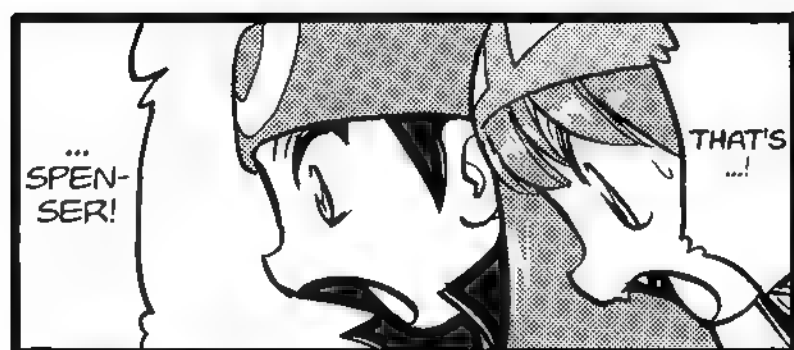
LET ME
REVEAL
THE
TRUTH
TO YOU.

...THE
ONE YOU
SUSPECT IS
INNOCENT.



...AN
IMAGE
OF WHAT
LATIAS IS
SEEING.

LATIAS IS AT
THE BATTLE
PALACE NOW.
I WILL SHOW
YOU...



...
SPEN-
SER!

THAT'S
...



I DON'T
REMEMBER
THE
INCIDENT
WELL, SO
I'VE KEPT
MY MOUTH
SHUT, BUT...

...IT
APPEARS
I HAD
BETTER
TELL YOU
WHAT I DO
KNOW.



WOM
WOM
WOM

...I
VISITED
MY TWO
FRIENDS
AT MT.
PYRE...



A
LONG
TIME
AGO...

...THE
BLUE
ORB!

...UNABLE TO
RESIST THE
ALLURE OF
THE ORBS,
THEIR
BEAUTY... I
TOUCHED...

BUT WHILE
THEIR TWO
GUARDIANS
WERE OUT
OF THE
ROOM...

THE BLUE
AND RED
ORBS WERE
NOT TO BE
TOUCHED
BY ANYONE.

AND
THEN...!





...I
GOT
NO
REST.



BUT
AFTER
THAT
NIGHT...

IT WAS
AS IF A
DIABOLICAL
FORCE RAN
THROUGH
MY FINGER-
TIPS UP MY
ARM AND
INTO MY
SHOULDER!



AND MY
EYES
BEGAN
TO...DIMLY
GLOW...



IF I
ATTEMPTED
TO SLEEP,
A HUGE
TERRIFYING
WATER-TYPE
POKÉMON
WOULD
APPEAR IN MY
DREAMS.



LATER,
I FOUND
OUT IT
WAS...

THAT'S
RIGHT
...



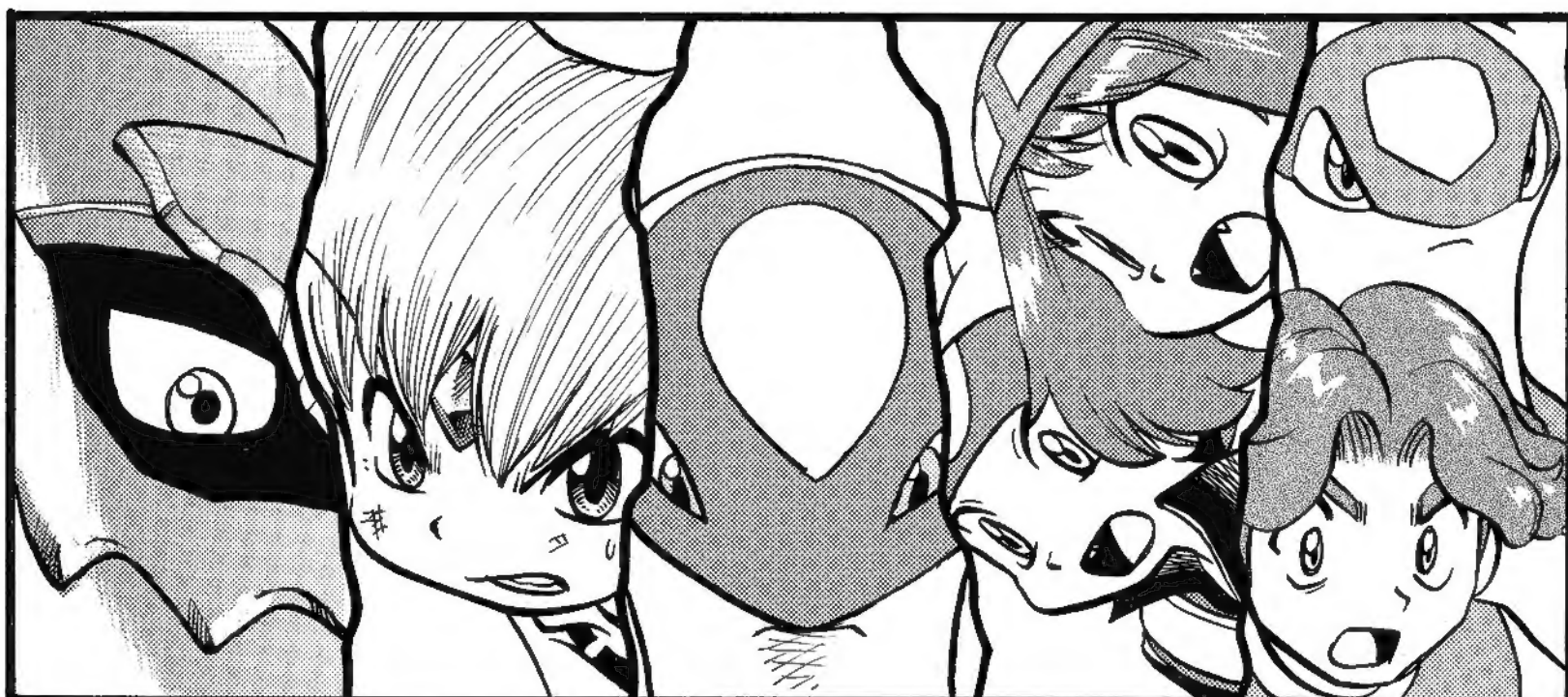
A
HUGE...
WATER-
TYPE
POKÉ-
MON?



...
KYOGRE.



...A
LEGENDARY
POKÉMON
OF THE
HOENN
REGION...



I WAS
ASHAMED OF THE
WEAKNESS OF MY
SPIRIT. THAT'S WHY,
SINCE THEN, I'VE
TRAINED HARD
TO BECOME THE
FRONTIER BRAIN
WHO TESTS THE
SPIRITS OF OTHER
TRAINERS.

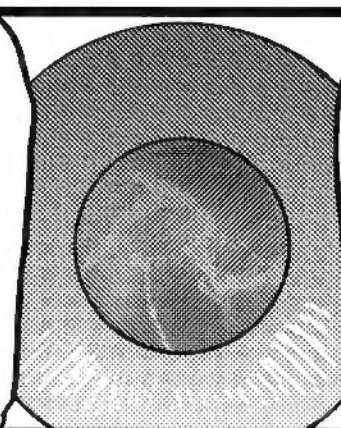


I WAS
FILLED WITH
REGRET. I WAS
AFFLICTED THUS
BECAUSE I HAD
TOUCHED THE
FORBIDDEN
ORB.

THAT
GIRL I
MET JUST
NOW...
AND ONE
OTHER
PERSON
...

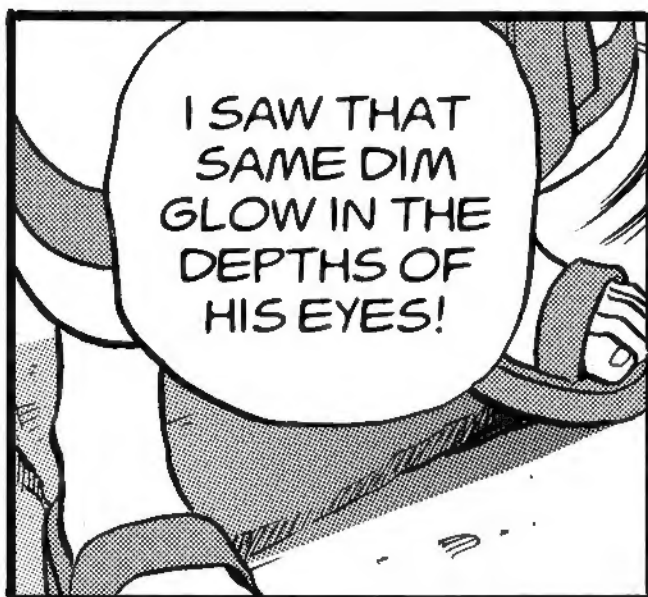


I CAN
RECOGNIZE
THOSE
WHO HAVE
TOUCHED THE
ORB FROM
THE GLOW IN
THEIR EYES.

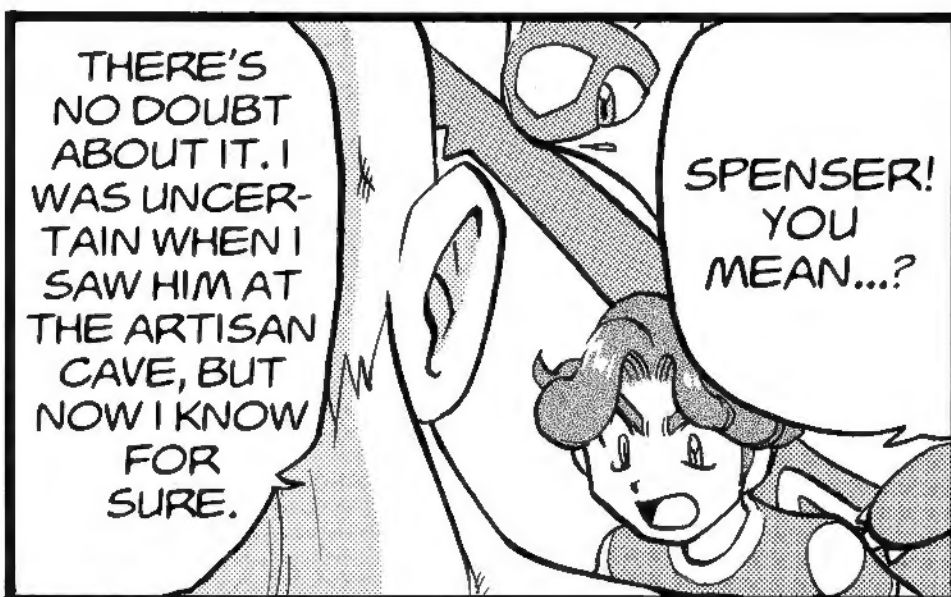


EVEN
THOUGH
IT WAS
ONLY FOR
A BRIEF
MOMENT, I
CROSSED
THE LINE
INTO THE
DARK SIDE.

I SAW THAT
SAME DIM
GLOW IN THE
DEPTHS OF
HIS EYES!



THERE'S
NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT. I
WAS UNCER-
TAIN WHEN I
SAW HIM AT
THE ARTISAN
CAVE, BUT
NOW I KNOW
FOR
SURE.



SPENSER!
YOU
MEAN...?

YOU TOO HAVE
TOUCHED THE
BLUE ORB,
HAVEN'T YOU?
AND YOU'VE
BEEN TAKEN
OVER BY ITS
MALEVOLENT
POWER!

GUILE
HIDEOUT...

WELL
DONE,
FRON-
TIER
BRAIN.

HMPH.

AND
THIS...

GYEH
HEH
HEH
HEH...

IF YOU
LIKE, I'LL
DEMON-
STRATE...

I BECAME
ONE WITH THE
ORB AND IT
CONFERRED
INCREDIBLE
POWER UPON
ME. GYEH HEH
HEH HEH... THE
FEELING WAS...
INCOMPARABLE!

GYEH
HEH
HEH...

EXACTLY... I
ABSORBED
THE BLUE
ORB
ENTIRELY
INTO MY
BODY.



...IS
WHO I
AM!

TO BE CONTINUED...

